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ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH WAS ONE OF GREATEST EFFORTS OF CAREER: IS WARMLY WELCOMED IN LONDON: GERMAN SILENCE Axis Partners Are Regarded As Enemies Of America

REACTIONS TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S BROADCAST ADDRESS TO THE AMERICAN NATION INCLUDE COMMENTS BY THE AMERICAN PRESS AND OPINIONS FROM AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

The NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE says: "The President's address was one of the greatest efforts of his career. It was blunt in its realism, its courage and its purpose. Here is a high call for action and if the President can implement his policy by translating it into action he will find the people of the United States unanimously in support of every step he can take to fulfil his promise."

The NEW YORK TIMES states that the President's blunt announcement that he regards the three-Power Pact as directed against the United States puts all three countries under notice that he regards them as potential, if not actual, enemies of America.

GREEKS TAKE MORE HEIGHTS

Along the Albanian coastal area the Greeks have taken strategic heights to the north and north-west of Chitmarra, states a London message.

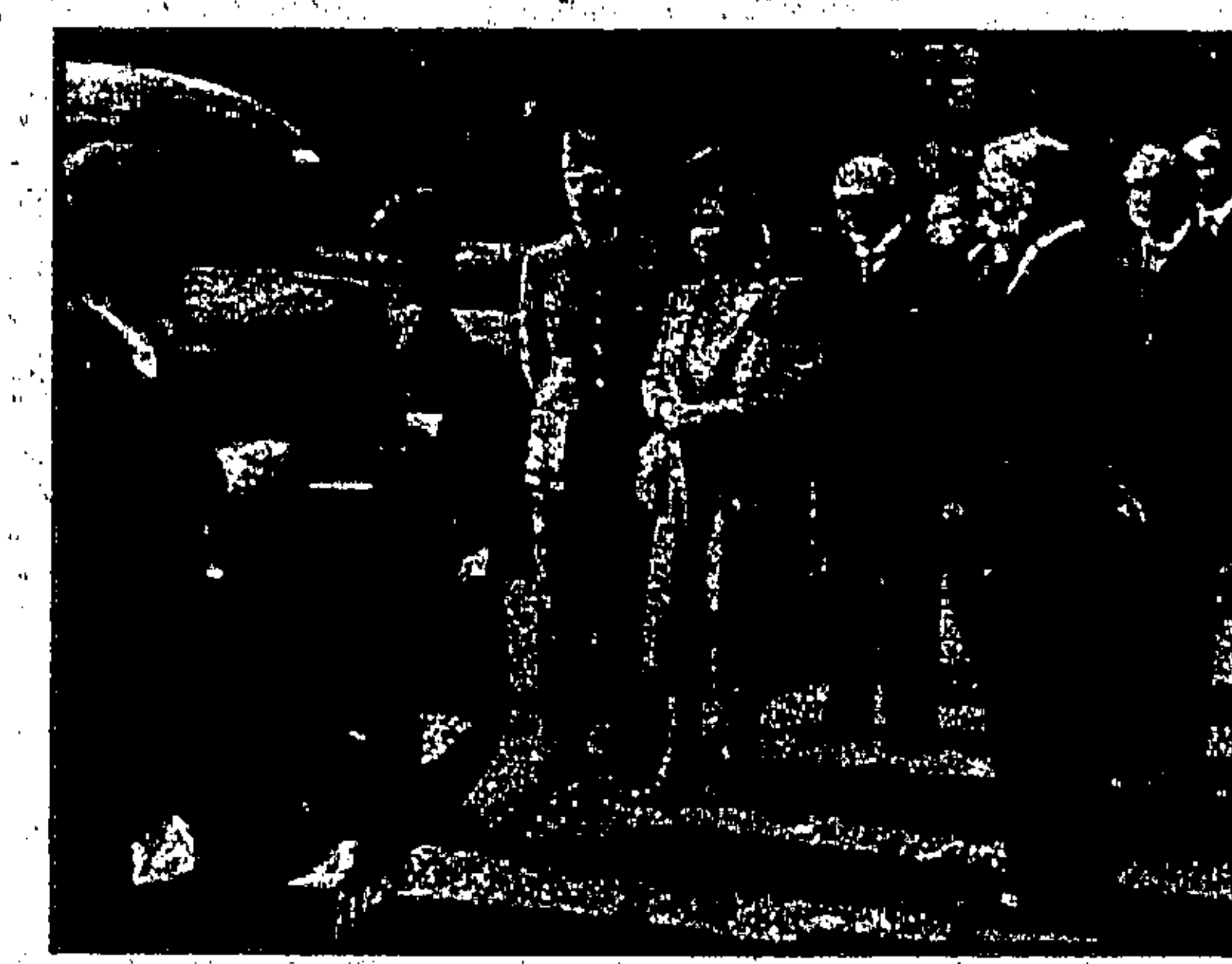
An Italian counter-attack near Pogradets was thrown back and patrol and artillery activities are continuing.

The Greeks have also captured a small town, 12 miles south of Berat, and are trying to get control of the crossroad at Berat which, if successful, will leave the Italians only one road from Tepelina from which to retreat or bring up supplies.

There was also another successful British air raid on Valona where shipping and other objectives were bombed.

All the British machines returned safely.

In the raid on Valona four ships were hit. These included two cargo boats and a cruiser.



Above are the King and Queen pictured when they inspected canteen and ambulance workers.

BRITISH GUNS POUND BARDIA

In the Western Desert, British guns pounded Bardia all day, states a London message, and it is fairly certain that no large party of Italians can now get out of the fort.

LACK OF FOOD

There is no reason, however, to think that lack of food and water may force the Italians inside Bardia to surrender in the near future.

In the meantime the British are still rushing up reinforcements and are taking all steps to prevent help from reaching the Italian garrison.

Speed-Up Of Air Mails: New Route On Main Line Will Benefit Hongkong

Special to the Hongkong Daily Press

A SPEED-UP IN THE AIR MAIL SERVICES BETWEEN ENGLAND AND AUSTRALIA, WHICH WILL BENEFIT HONGKONG, is foreshadowed in an announcement from Australia on Sunday night that plans are being made to reduce the time taken for the journey between England and Australia from 35 days to 18.

Fighter Losses In Week Germans 7, British 0

LONDON, Dec. 30 (British Wire)—During the week ended midnight Saturday, the Germans in raids on Britain, lost seven planes—two in the early hours of Sunday, Dec. 22, three on the night of Monday-Tuesday, one during Tuesday and one on Christmas Day.

During the same period, no British fighters were lost.

Five British bombers were lost in the course of wide-spread and heavy attacks over enemy and enemy occupied territory, one on the night of Monday-Tuesday, one on the night of Tuesday-Wednesday, one on the night of Thursday-Friday, and two on the night of Friday-Saturday.

The speed-up is to be affected on the main route between London and Cairo and, according to the announcement, will be diverted via LISBON, BATHURST (GAMBIA), THE SUDAN (KHARTOUM) AND ON TO CAIRO, from where the present route will operate.

BENEFIT TO H.K.

Since the interruption to traffic on the direct service between Hongkong and Bangkok, Hongkong has been greatly inconvenienced, apart from the long delays on the present main route.

The reduction of time on the main route will, of course, benefit Hongkong as it is understood that when the mails reach Singapore from Rangoon, a flying boat will be available to bring the mails to Hongkong flying via Brunei and the Philippines.

An alternative which has been suggested is that the mails for Hongkong should be tipped off at Rangoon and carried from there by plane to Kummung and thence to Hongkong.

Whichever suggestion is ultimately decided upon, it will eliminate the serious inconvenience now being experienced in Hongkong over the receipt and despatch of air mails.

While there is a feeling of ominous quiet in BERLIN with regard to Mr. Roosevelt's speech, SIGNOR GAYDA continues to threaten the United States. He warns Mr. Roosevelt that Axis tolerance is limited and declares that his speech was tantamount to an act of undeclared war against the Axis.

A TOKYO COMMENT regards the President's speech as committing the United States to give further assistance to China.

The COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, commenting on the speech, said, "The nation now faces the battle of defence."

In BUENOS AIRES AND MEXICO CITY, the speech is welcomed as a blunt statement of America's stand for democracy and is considered as one of the most powerful and strongest indictments of Nazism.

In NEW ZEALAND, Mr. P. Fraser, the Prime Minister, in a broadcast from Wellington stated that Mr. Roosevelt showed that he knew that the tide has turned in Britain's favour and would carry her through the decisive blow which she was preparing.

"This is not cheap optimism," said Mr. Fraser, "but sure policy based on our vast resources and our determination to win."

Mr. Fraser said that he and his people were privileged to assist in securing victory for democracy which would not only save New Zealand and the Empire but all mankind.

AUSTRALIANS CHEER

In AUSTRALIA, crowds of people gathered in the streets opposite shops, with radio receivers, to listen to Mr. Roosevelt's speech. Unfortunately reception was poor but they were able to catch the more important parts of his words and burst into cheers when the

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U.S. FLYING FOR CHINA

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (Reuter)—The NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE from Washington reported authoritatively that the United States may release at least 400 new pursuit and bombing planes, including six Boeing flying fortresses to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as a result of the talks of the Chinese Mission, headed by General Peter Mow, with United States Government officials.

MADRAS GIFT TO AIR MINISTRY

The province of Madras has sent another 200,000 rupees to the Air Ministry in London, says a London message. Madras has now contributed a total of 2,000,000 rupees.

VICHY GOVERNMENT CLOSE THE FRONTIER BETWEEN ITALY AND FRANCE: MOVE CONNECTED WITH NAZI PREPARATIONS

Pétain Will Be Guided By American Envoy

A late message from Vichy last night announced that the Vichy Government had closed the frontier between Italy and France, according to an Australian report.

This is taken to be in connexion with German preparations to send troops through France and it is considered that the German Government would be playing a very dangerous game if they decide to take this step.

In the meanwhile further reports show that relations between Germany and the French Government are rapidly moving to a crisis.

Latest messages received in London showed that there is some uncertainty about what has resulted so far from the negotiations now in progress but it is understood that the Nazis are exerting considerable pressure on the question of the French Fleet.

A diplomatic correspondent in London is of the opinion that Marshal Pétain will be guided in his negotiations by the United States

NEW C-IN-C. FOR EAST INDIAN SQUADRON

Admiral G.S. Arbuthnot, C.B., D.S.O., a Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty, is to be appointed to the Command of the East Indian Squadron with effect from next May, in succession to Rear-Admiral R. Leatham, C.B.

Japanese Army Warning More Aid For Chiang

TOKYO, Dec. 30 (Reuter)—Charging Britain and the United States with sacrificing the Chinese people in their attempt to wear down Japan, the Japanese Army Press Bureau today issued a warning to the Japanese people that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will continue his resistance against Japan as long as he can obtain British and American aid.

The warning foresees the possibility of increased Anglo-American assistance to Chiang Kai-shek in direct proportion to the weakening of the Chungking Government and declaring that the China hostilities has reached a "world-wide scale" and that the Japanese Army is determined to carry on the conflict to a conclusion without wavering.

Deliberate Attempt By Germans To Set London City On Fire: Heroic Civilian Workers: Guildhall Damaged

LONDON, DEC. 30 (REUTER)—ON SUNDAY NIGHT THE GERMANS TRIED TO SET FIRE TO THE CITY OF LONDON AND WHEN PEOPLE WENT TO WORK THIS MORNING RUINS WERE SMOULDERING AND SOME FIRES WERE STILL BURNING.

The German raid is regarded as a deliberate attempt to set the city on fire as bombs were dropped indiscriminately and it was the most concentrated raid that London has yet had. It lasted a few hours.

A dense pall of smoke hung over the capital throughout the night and despite the heroic efforts of the firemen many important buildings were damaged including the famous Wren church of ST. BRIDE'S, a museum, a college and two hospitals, also commercial and residential buildings.

Among the buildings hit also were the GUILDHALL and the CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT, known as the Old Bailey.

St. Paul's Cathedral was itself in danger for a time when incendiary bombs burnt through the roof but fortunately did no damage to the woodwork.

Heroic civilian workers spent the whole night fighting the flames. Three air raid wardens were killed.

R.A.F. night fighters went out to meet the raiders and drove them off.

In spite of the heavy damage done the casualties were few. This new attempt by the Germans to set London on fire has only confirmed the impression that the German rulers have been taken back and are still floundering about, by the stiff resistance which they are meeting.

The raid is by no means a reply to the persistent attacks which

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The Future Of India

AN INDIAN PARTY CONFERENCE held in Calcutta yesterday expressed admiration for Britain's bold stand and urged the people to support Britain because the future of India was bound up in a British victory.

ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION the conference proposed that India should be given dominion status within a period not exceeding two years after the conclusion of the war.

IN THE MEANTIME, states a London message, it was urged that the General Government should be asked to give India a national character.

ANOTHER RESOLUTION SUGGESTED the speedy Indianisation of the Indian Navy and Air Force.

AN INDIAN CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE at Lucknow urged that India must support Britain and her allies and condemned Nazi aggression. It was stated that India could not remain indifferent to the war.

IN DEALING WITH the constitution in India, the conference urged that communal differences should be immediately settled.

Today's News Summary

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH to the American nation is warmly welcomed in official circles in London and is regarded as further proof of the courage and realism of America's attitude towards the dangers which confront democracy in the Western Hemisphere no less than in Europe and Asia.

DESPITE HEROIC EFFORTS OF FIREMEN many buildings were set ablaze in London on Sunday night in one of the most intensive raids the city has yet experienced. Damage was done to many famous buildings including the Guildhall and several of the city churches. St. Bride's was set alight early in the raid. Another Wren church completely gutted was that of St. Vedast Foster.

AT LEAST 400 NEW PURSUIT and bombing planes may be released by the United States to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as the result of talks between the Chinese Mission and U. S. Government officials.

THE GREEKS HAVE MADE FURTHER small advances towards Berat and also west of Tepelina along the road to Valona. The Italians have made a counter-attack in the Pogradets area.

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BOX OF CIGARS FOR PREMIER

A box of cigars has been sent from the West Indies as a birthday present for Mr. Churchill. The inscription on the box paid a tribute to Mr. Churchill's doggedness and leadership, says a London message.

RUNS GALORE FEATURE XMAS HOLIDAY CRICKET

Richardson Hits Fast Century At Chater Rd.

BY "BARNABAS"

SEVERAL CRICKET MATCHES WERE PLAYED DURING THE XMAS HOLIDAYS (ON BOXING DAY TO BE EXACT) but the most enjoyable from the spectator's view point, at least, was the one at Chater Road between the Cricket Club and the Wanderers. The onlookers were treated to a merry exhibition of hitting. Runs came galore. For the loss of only 11 wickets 561 were scored.

Dickie Richardson, who opened the Club innings with T. Knight was rather on the slow side at first but as soon as he got his eye in he hit well and truly anything that was not a good-length ball. The speed with which runs came off his bat can be gauged by the fact that he scored his century well before lunch.

Arthur Perry too scored his runs at a lively pace. In his short stay at the wicket, he hit 48 runs which, I believe, included a six. With the help of 44 from Professor Ride and 31 not out from Harry Owen-Hughes, Club declared at 308 for 4 wickets.

With this huge total before them, the Wanderers set about their task in determined fashion. Though John Pearce lost his wicket early on, D. Grose and Alec Pearce defied the Club bowling and took the score to 142 before the former, was well caught near the leg boundary by L. Kilbee.

Four runs later Alec Pearce unfortunately played the ball into his wicket off the bowling of Knight. His contribution was 72. A. H. Coombes who came in fourth, let down played very aggressive cricket and was still batting when stumps were drawn. He had made 77 which included a six.

UNDEFEATED CENTURY
The Club ground last Saturday was the scene of yet another century. This time it came off the bat of Harry Owen-Hughes who scored a not out 103 for the Club against the Army. This match, which was a draw, (though the Army batsmen tried desperately to force a decision) produced big scores on both sides.

Batting first, Club put up the huge score of 202 for 3 wickets declared, thanks to Owen-Hughes' century and T. Knight's 51. These two batsmen between them nearly put up a hundred on the board before Knight was caught by Flipp off Murphy.

Army attacked the bowling from the word go and soon lost both Major Grose and L/Cpl. Logan with only 32 runs on the board. Alec Pearce and Sgt. Webb, however, stayed long enough at the wicket to score 41 runs before the latter was clean bowled by Dewar. Pearce soon after was caught by Kilbee off Daley. He had scored 54 runs, including a six, which he hit into, Deg. Voaux Road. When stumps were drawn Army had 176 on the board for the loss of 6 wickets. Captain Skipworth's contribution being 28.

FINE WIN FOR R.C.C.
The Kowloon Cricket Club, on their own ground, scored a fine victory over the Indian R.C. Faced with the task of making 140 runs in just over the hour, the K.C.C. batsmen collared the Indian bowling so effectively that they put up the required number of runs on the board in just an hour.

The Indians batted first but they soon lost A. H. Runjahn who was brilliantly run out by Reggie Broadbridge, and Khasa Nazarin. A. H. Madar, however, dug himself in and refused to take any chances with the bowling. However, his batting did brighten up a bit towards the end when a declaration was imminent. He was bowled by Anderson for 66 runs just before the I.R.C. innings came to a close with their score standing at 139 for 7 wickets. Paddy Minu helped with a breezy 31.

BOWLING ATTACKED
Donald Anderson and Duggie Hung opened the K.C.C. innings. The former immediately attacked the bowling and 50 was on the board in a little over 15 minutes. Then Duggie Hung, too opened out his shoulders to such good effect that he hit a six off Minu, a remarkable feat considering the size of the K.C.C. ground and the shortness of the batsman's stature. Incidentally, that was the first six which ever came off Hung's bat.

When Hung left, the K.C.C. total stood at 110 which had been scored in 45 minutes. Hung's contribution was an invaluable 48. Anderson was eventually stumped when he had scored 79 runs. Ernie Fincher and Francis Lay then carried the score to 154 for two wickets.

XMAS GOLF RESULTS

Christmas meeting results of the R.H.K. Golf Club are as follows:—

Old Course—Bogey par pool won by Major W. G. Harvey (10) one up. There were 42 entries.

Old Course—Medal round won by T. Low 82-12=70. There were 30 entries.

New Course—Bogey par pool won by A. J. Dennis (10) one up. Fourteen entries.

\$35 from entrance fees goes to the S.C.M.P. War Fund.

THREE WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated at the following weddings at the Registry yesterday:—

Mr. Cheng Tung-choy, Government teacher, residing at No. 4, U Lam Terrace and Miss Carmen Lee, of No. 132, Cheung-sha-wan Road.

Mr. Mak Kam-chuen, of No. 31, Bonham Road, and Miss Lau Wan-sheung, teacher, of No. 9, Tonno-hy Road.

Mr. Chow Long, Staff Radiographic Assistant, Queen Mary's Hospital, and Miss Cheung O-yee, teacher, of No. 201, Aplitu Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Forthcoming weddings announced are:—

Mr. Ng Hin-hong, accountant of Refugee Camp, Old Kowloon Magistracy, and Miss Tam Shuk-ying, No. 4, Pileum Street.

Mr. Ip Yiu-cho, merchant, of No. 15, Wing Lok Street, and Miss Shiu Pik-wa, of No. 167, Peiho Street.

Mr. James Perelval Whitham, insurance manager, residing at No. 4, Shek-O, and Miss Beatrice Lenola Brouwer, secretary, residing at No. 4, St. John's Apartments.

Three German cultural and benevolent centres in Buenos Aires have been raided by order of the Argentine Federal Court as a measure against Nazi anti-Argentine activities.



The Emergency Unit of the Hong Kong Police Reserve, winners of the D.C.P. (R.) Cup for Squad Drill. Seated from left to right: Insp. (R.) J. A. Bendall, Officer Commanding the E.U. (R.); Mr. O. Eager, D.C.P. (R.); Hon. Mr. C. G. Ferndie, Commissioner of Police; Mr. T. To, Training Officer, H.K.P. (R.); and Sub-Insp. M.A.R. de Sousa, Instructor of the winning squad. — (King's Studio).

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Ferndie, Acting Commissioner of Police

CHINESE COMPANY
Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY
Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD
Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE
Training Course—Part II. Constable R492 J. Mugford qualified in Part II of Training Course on December 20, 1940.

Parade. All ranks will parade at No. 2 Police Station on Friday, January 3, 1941 at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress—Blue Uniform for "A" Company, and optional for "B" Company.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

O. EAGER, D.C.P. (R.).
Hongkong, Monday, Dec. 30.

Himmler, Gestapo Chief, broke the first sod for the erection in the Crawford District of police barracks, to be named after him, in that part of Poland not incorporated in the Reich.

DR. PURCELL SEES MUCH TO DEPLORE IN SOCIETY

"I find that there is much to lament in the state of modern England," said Dr. Victor Purcell, chief of the Department of Information and Publicity, in a talk entitled "Thoughts of an Englishman," broadcast from the Singapore Station. And from the lament he passed to a eulogy of some aspects of English life and character that have evoked the admiration of people all over the world.

"From lament I have passed to a quarter of a century ago for our survival and after the sacrifice of a million of our youth, this war we won. But we did not fully realise the responsibilities of our victory."

FELL BACK
We did not play the part we might have played in erecting a new international order. Other nations were indeed at fault but we fell back after too feeble a struggle on the old rough and ready idea of the balance of power.

Nor did we recognize that the internal structure of England was full of timbers rotted by age and we were called upon by our sense of security, if nothing else, to rebuild our English social order. We relapsed too readily into the old game of party politics. This was partly the result of our English tradition of compromise. We have always been, opposed to violent change, and it has been our remarkable faculty to accept so much change as will avert revolution. This was our tolerance. But our tolerance, resistant at the same time to new ideas, has in some respects led us astray. We have been too much inclined to laissez-faire.

I may sound a little un-English in my critical approach to the English scene. But I think that for this very reason I am able to see the virtues of Englishman in plainer colours than the more typical Englishman with his ready acceptance of and his innate modesty is able to do. Let me then presume.

I have travelled in many countries and have received much kindness and hospitality, but nowhere have I found a country where kindness and good manners are so much the fabric of the common nature as in England.

LONG EXILED
Now Morality herself, nothing if not universal, has been shown the door. Her spirit had long been exiled from Nazi Germany, but up to a late hour she was in theory contained if not revered. Now even that pretence is dropped. She is banished by official edict and a Gorgon with the face of hell, the new German Morality, degrades her abandoned altar. "Good is what is good for Germany," proclaims that well-named Priest of Falschhood, Dr. Ley. "Bad is what does not suit Germany's end."

This is the guiding spirit of the hordes that have over-run the greater part of continental Europe, a Europe where once Erasmus wandered freely to spread his liberal doctrines, where Pascal, Diderot and Voltaire were once honoured from the Baltic to the Mediterranean, and where students once journeyed from the Lappathians to Paris, from Brittany to Bonn, to imbibe the universal learning.

I firmly stand by the idea of universality. We must refuse to accept a man as a man or a woman as a woman by the mere fact that they carry a British passport. In the same way we should refuse to reject a man or a woman on the mere ground of their nationality. They must be judged in the light of universal values as men and women.

Prejudices we have and cannot wholly escape from but they are no guide to judgment and, if we are to retain our integrity, they must be kept in their place.

I find that there is much to lament in the state of modern

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN MACAO

Children Entertains With Drill Displays

(Our Own Correspondent)

MACAO, Dec. 26—As in former years, Christmas passed away quietly in Macao but foremost among the celebrations were the parties given by the schools, among which the Escola Infantil and the Liceu Infante D. Henrique were exemplary.

At the Escola Infantil, on Monday, Dec. 23, the little tots entertained their parents and friends with displays of figure drills and singing.

THOSE PRESENT

Among those attending were H. E. the Governor of Macao, Cmdr. Gabriel Mauricio Teixeira, His Lordship the Bishop of Macao, the Rt. Rev. D. Jose da Costa Nunes, the Chief Judge, Dr. E. F. Mascarenhas, the Postmaster-General, Mr. Luciano Martins, the Colonial Secretary, Dr. L. de Menezes Alves, the Harbour Master, Lt. M. Zannatti, and others.

Mrs. Cristina de Melo, Directress of the Escola Infantil, assisted by friends, was responsible for the entertaining display given by the youngsters.

PRIZES DISTRIBUTED

At the Liceu Infante D. Henrique, on Monday, Dec. 23, scholastic prizes for 1940 were distributed to winning pupils by H. E. the Governor.

Prize winners were Ivone Borges ("Dr. Oliveira Salazar" prize), Clarissa de Sousa ("Fernao Mendes Pinto" prize), Maria de Sousa Afonso ("Infante D. Henrique" prize), Jose F. Rodrigues (Physical Culture prize).

Following a short entertainment of singing and recitation, a successful dance given by the school alumni, was held until a late hour.

In its religious observances, Christmas, as usual, featured special midnight services at all churches which were crowded.

UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER

The Universal Week of Prayer will be held from Jan. 6 to 11, 1941, when there will be services at St. John's Cathedral daily at 5.30 p.m. The services will be conducted, severally by the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Rev. J. R. Higgs, Rev. Frank Short, Rev. S. Hinchliffe, S.C.F., Rev. J. E. Sandbach, Rev. Charles Strong, R.N., and Rev. E. W. L. Martin.

On Sunday, Jan. 12, at 6.30 p.m., there will be a United Service at the English Methodist Church which will be conducted by the Dean and Mr. Sandbach.

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ACROSS

1 Deface
4 Unit of weight for precious stone
9 Willy
12 Fish
13 Serpent
14 Digit
15 Income
17 Simpleton
19 Eject
23 Source of Indigo
21 A French opera
23 Withdraw
26 Who is the U.S. Secretary of State?

DOWN

2 Thick soup
28 Perform
29 Prussian resort
30 Extreme in opinion
31 Diagram
32 Therefore
33 South American country
34 Covered with small figures, as of flowers
35 Medicine snuffed up the nose
37 Window
38 Mist
39 Mint
40 Where is the University of Maine, U.S.?

ACROSS

10 What author and editor was Mark Twain's literary executor?
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COMING EVENTS

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31—Tides: High 12.06 p.m. and 10.45 p.m. Low 5.49 a.m. and 4.02 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 5.49 p.m.
New Year's Eve.

Claims against Norddeutscher Lloyd Bremen (Agents Melchers and Co., Chien Hsin Engineering Co., Ltd.) due.
Watchnight Service, St. Andrew's Church, 11.30 p.m.
Kowloon Cricket Club, Annual Fancy Dress Ball.
Craigengower C. C. President's Dance, 9.30 p.m.
American Club Dance.
Chinese Manufacturers' Union Exhibition, Kowloon.
H.K. Rotary Club, Timm Meeting, 1 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 6.30 p.m.
St. Stephen's College, Stanley: Entrance Examination for New Students, 9 a.m.
St. Andrew's Church: Wartime Intercession Service, 6 p.m.
Catholic Cathedral: Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the "Quarant Ore."
FAN.

1—Tides: High 12.45 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. Low 5.41 a.m. and 4.44 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 5.50 p.m.
New Year's Day.
Fanning Hunt to meet at Fanning Lodge, 2.45 p.m.
Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.
Club de Recreio, Tsa Dance.
Chinese Manufacturers' Union Exhibition, Kowloon.
Arms Licences due for renewal:
2—Tides: High 1.33 p.m. and 11.50 p.m. Low 6.31 a.m. and 5.27 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 5.51 p.m.
H.E. the Acting Governor returns to Government House.
St. Stephen's College, Stanley: Re-open.

3—Tides: High 2.18 p.m. Low 6.59 a.m. and 6.17 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 5.53 p.m.
Claims against estate of Young Shing due.
China Fleet Club Theatre-Variety Entertainment in aid of S.P.C.
Sino-British Cultural Assn. (H.K. Branch), Annual Dinner, Chinese Merchants' Club, 8.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Entertainment in aid of H.K.S.P.C., 9.15 p.m.
H.E. the Acting Governor to pay informal visit to H.K. and Whampoa Dock, 4 p.m.

CINEMA HIT BY BOMB

FILM GOES ON

A London cinema operator remained at his post after the cinema had been hit by a bomb and continued showing the picture until the audience had left.

Part of the roof collapsed into the auditorium, which filled with such dense clouds of dust that many people thought the cinema was on fire. Long after the screen had become invisible the sound of voices told the audience that the film was still going on.

The comic dialogue, by then fantastically irrelevant, was the only sound which broke the silence after the bomb had fallen. No one in the audience uttered a cry.

CHOKING DUST

At first nobody stirred, then by twos and threes, without haste, people began to find their way out through the choking dust.

It is believed that no one was seriously hurt. The programme was nearly completed, and few remained in the audience. The part of the auditorium where most of the debris fell was unoccupied.

Two usherettes had head and face cuts. One of them, with blood streaming from her cheek, showed no thought for her own injuries until her companion received first aid. Several members of the audience were also hurt.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Variety.

Comedians—At The Zoo; The Lady and the Bottle—Brad and Al with Piano; Vocal—The Cuckoo (Sonin); All to Specification (Rutherford); Arthur Askey with Orchestra. Comedienne—Hicups; The Tale of the Hat—Elsie and Doris Waters with Piano. Humorous Sketch—Sandy Jones the Army—Sandy Powell.

Comedian—A Bird in a Gilded Cage—Jerry Colonna with Fud and His Puddy Bears.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Mavis Bennett (Soprano) and Light Symphony Orchestra.

Homage March (Haydn Wood); Concert Waltz Joyousness (Haydn Wood)—Light Symphony Orch. cond. by The Composer. Valley of Laughter (Sanderson); Bird of Love Divine (Haydn Wood); Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Piano accompaniment; Vallette from "Wood Nymphs" (Eric Coates); Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by The Composer. Down Vauxhall Way (Oliver)—Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Piano accompaniment. Roundel: Mins (Elgar, arr. Haydn Wood); Shepherd's Song (Elgar, arr. Haydn Wood)—Light Symphony Orchestra, cond. by Haydn Wood.

1.30 Renter & Rigby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Jazzocracy; Chillum Get Up—Jimmie Lunceford and His Orch. Tangles—Letter of Farewell; Love Letter—Oscar Joost Tango Orchestra. Fox-Trots—The Starlit Hour; Shake Down the Stars—Tommy Dorsey and His Orch. Slow Fox-Trot—It's a Blue World (Jim Music in My Heart); Fox-Trot—Sing a Round-Up Song—Ken "Snakehips" Johnson and His West Indian Orchestra. Instrumental Fox-Trot—Flea on the Spruce—Teddy Powell and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

8.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Delins—Sea Drift.

John Brownlee (Baritone) and the London Select Choir with the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.43 Variety.

Slow Fox-Trots—I Won't Tell A Soul; Two Shadows (from the film)—Roy Fox and His Orchestra. Vocal—I Will Pray (Everley Nichols); Whippers in the Dark (film Artists and Models)—Frances Day (Soprano) with Orchestra. Waltz—Sea Is With a Kiss (film "That Girl from Paris"); Fox-Trot—The Night Is Young and You're So Beautiful—Roy Fox & His Orchestra. Humorous—The Crazy Gang at Sea—Nervo and Knox. Flanagan and Allen; Naughton and Gold. Fox-Trots—Sweet as a Song; I Could Use a Dream (both from "Sally, Irene and Mary")—Roy Fox and His Orchestra. Vocal—Pop Eyed Pete (Kennedy and Carr).

8.41 Hawaiian Selections.

Waltz—Chiquita; Drifting and Dreaming—Ferreira and Paulini; Hawaiian Guitars—Liliu E (Kaulla); Little Aloha (Vocal)—Beautiful Woman (Kahala); William Ewaldko (Vocal) both with the Royal Hawaiian

Olce Club, Hawaiian Fox-Trots—Honolulu Stars and Hawaiian Guitars: A Little Rendezvous in Honolulu—Roy Sneek and His Hawaiian Serenaders.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: Scots Abroad.

9.45 Beethoven—Symphony No. 4 in B Flat Major, Op. 60.

1st Mov. Adagio—Allegro vivace; 2nd Mov. Adagio; 3rd Mov. Allegro vivace and Trio; 4th Mov. Allegro ma non troppo—The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini.

10.17 Vladimir Horowitz at the Piano.

Presto-Passionato (Appendix to Op. 22—Schumann); Dream Visions, Op. 12, No. 7 (Schumann); Mazurka in E Minor, Op. 41, No. 3 (Chopin).

10.30 Gilbert and Sullivan's "Ruddigore."

Characters and Soloists: Sir Ruthven Murgatroyd (Disguised as Robin Oakapple, A Young Farmer)—George Baker (Baritone); Richard Dauntless (His Foster-brother)—Derek Oldham (Tenor); Sir Despard Murgatroyd (A wicked Baronet)—Sydney Granville; Sir Roderic Murgatroyd (The 21st Baronet)—Darrell Fauchart; Old Adam Goodheart (Robin's Faithful Servant)—Stuart Robertson; Rose Maybud (A Village Maiden)—Muriel Dickson; Mad Margaret (Rose's Aunt)—Dorothy Gill; Zorah (Professional Bridesmaid)—Alice Moxon; Chorus of Officers, Professional Bridesmaids, Villagers and Ghostly Ancestors with Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

11.45 Light Orchestra.

Light Cavalry—Overture (Suppe)—State Opera Orchestra. "The Waltz Dream"—Selection (O. Strauss)—De Groot and The Pizzicato Orchestra.

12.00 midnight, Bells of St. John's Cathedral ringing in the New Year.

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G.S.H.	21.47m. (13.97m.)
G.S.O.	15.13m. (19.79m.)

NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission 1—News Summary	4.50 p.m.
Full Bulletin	5.00 p.m.
Transmission 2—News Summary	6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin	7.30 p.m.
do	8.15 p.m.
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Trans. 11 & 12—News Summary	7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin	8.30 a.m.

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Hailed as one of the truly great motion pictures of all time, Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "The Rains Came" the sensational successful novel by Louis Bromfield, opens today at the Majestic Theatre, with Myrna Loy, Tyrone Power and George Brent sharing stellar honours.

This powerful story of human emotions at the breaking point and human lives at the climax, while the untamed forces of nature ravaged the earth, has been faithfully retold in this 20th Century-Fox film, in which all of Bromfield's colourful characters are brought to vivid life.

Myrna Loy is seen as the amorous Lady Esketh, Tyrone Power has his most romantic role as Major Rama Saffi, and George Brent plays the world-weary Tom Ramsome.

Brenda Joyce, star-maker Zanuck's newest discovery, interprets the role of young Fern Simon, while others featured in the great cast are Nigel Bruce, Maria Ouspenskaya, Joseph Schildkraut, Jane Darwell, Marjorie Rambeau, Henry Travers and H. B. Warner.

Clarence Brown directed the production, which reproduces with breath-taking realism the earthquake, flood, fire and plague heightening the novel.

Interviewed after his first showing of the film, Bromfield declared his delight with Zanuck's pictorialization of his novel and the expertness of Brown's direction.

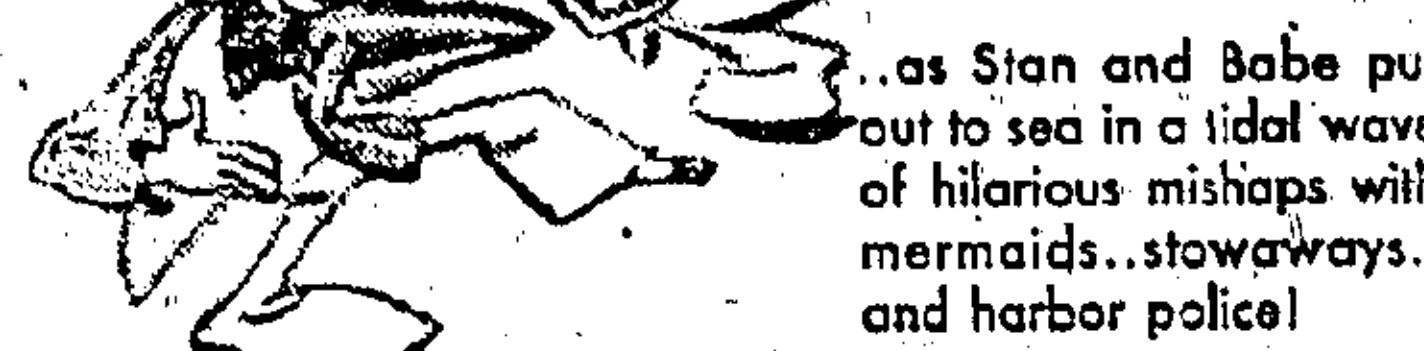
CHINESE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

CHUNGKING, Dec. 29 (Central).—The Chinese Symphony Orchestra, organized recently by leading Chinese musicians, will give its first concert here on Jan. 2, 1941.

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Argentine Govt. Bans New Chaplin Film

BUENOS AIRES (Argentine), Dec. 30 (Reuter).—Newspapers here adversely commented on the Government decision to ban Charlie Chaplin's new film, "The Great Dictator."

Subsequently, it will hold free concerts once a month in Chungking.

RADIO APPEAL FOR SELF-SACRIFICE

VICHY, Dec. 30 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain made a national broadcast yesterday afternoon but threw no light on the present Franco-German negotiations which have been the subject of a big crop of week-end rumours.

He confined himself to a moral appeal to French youth and men for self-sacrifice and team spirit.

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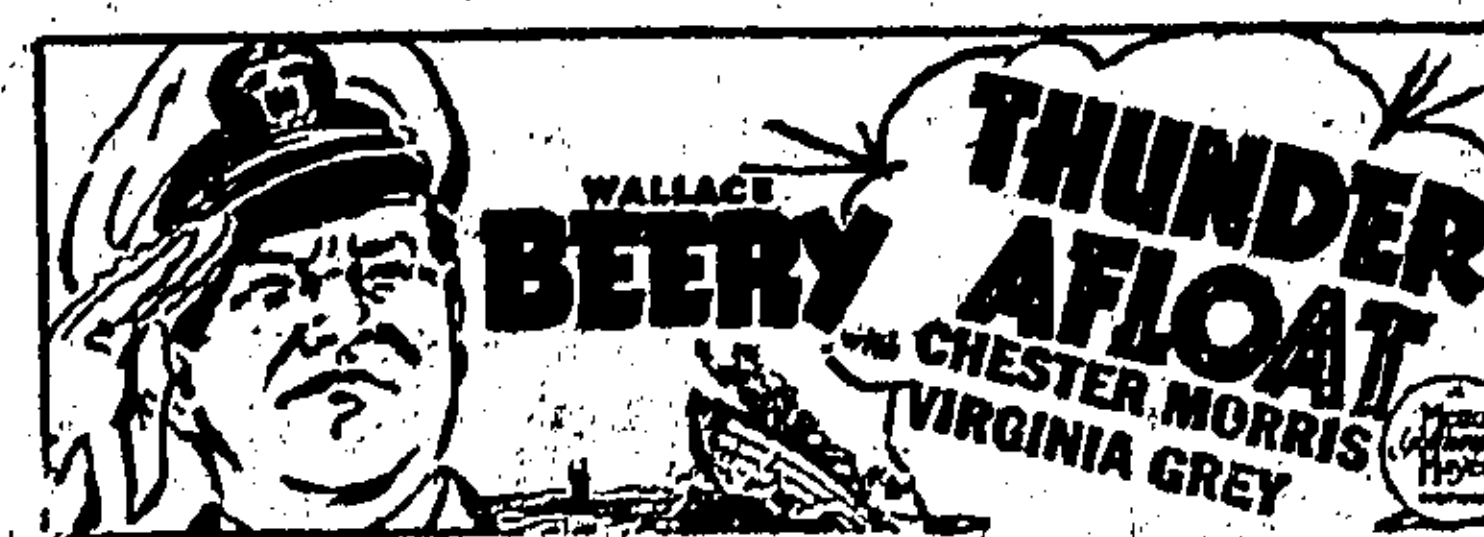
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U.S. MISSIONARIES ARE INVITED TO GO INTO "FREE CHINA"

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15.—American missionaries in Japanese-occupied portions of China who are evacuating in conformance with instructions from Washington have received an offer from the Chungking government to pay their expenses into west China, under Chungking control, if they are willing to continue their services there.

Overtures from Chungking, made with the approval of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, to missionary executives here said that free transportation from the borders of Free China, protection therein, assistance in housing and other aids would be provided.

MINISTRATIONS TO CHINA

The offer is contained in a declaration that Chungking is anxious that these Americans continue their ministrations to Chinese whether these be medical, nursing, educational or evangelistic.

Mission authorities here indicated they are desirous of accepting the Chungking offer "for those missionaries leaving Japanese-occupied China, or who may leave if American-Japanese relations become worse." However, it was revealed that the present attitude of the Washington state department in connexion with Americans remaining in China constitutes a severe obstacle to the execution of the Chinese plan.

NO DISTINCTION

Washington makes no distinction between Japanese-occupied and Chungking-controlled Free China. American consular officials in China therefore are granting no permits or passport visas for travel in the interior of China to missionaries.

As would-be travelers would have to go through Hongkong or other British areas en route to Free China, and as these areas are demanding American official approval before travelers are allowed to pass, mission officials have started a move to obtain approval by Washington of the Chungking offer.

This would consist of a differentiation between Japanese-occupied and Free China, with the state department granting travel credentials to Free China areas.

The National Christian Council of China, an interdenominational co-ordinating body of Protestant missions in China, is meeting here Tuesday to consider the Chungking proposals.

APPROVAL SOUGHT

After this meeting it is expected that the International Missionary Council of New York will be requested to seek approval by the state department of unrestricted entry of missionaries into Free China.

In the event this is not forthcoming mission officials here indicated that several "unofficial" routes through Japanese-occupied China are available over which they can reach west China.

The plan would consist of infiltrating through the Japanese military lines with hundreds of miles of hard overland travel on foot, aboard hand-carts and rowboats and other primitive means of transportation which missionaries stated are "not suitable for dandy gentlemen or high-heeled ladies, and hoped they are not confronted with this necessity."

These missionaries indicated, however, that "if no other way is found, those who are willing or desire to continue their service in China will be assisted westward through these routes."

CANVASS PERSONNEL

The missions here at present are canvassing their personnel, and ascertaining who are willing to accept the Chungking offer, and it is understood numerous missionaries have accepted and more are expected to accept.

Chungking has formed a committee for assisting the American missionaries westward, the new group being called the "Committee on Transportation and Placement of Missionaries." Chiang Kai-shek and other high government leaders are not members of the committee but are actively assisting.

Missionaries here stated they felt the state department's failure to differentiate between Japanese-occupied and Free China was ill-founded and should be corrected.

NO DIFFERENTIATION

Meanwhile, American consular officials in China stated no such differentiation was possible under the state department ruling. Missionaries are expected to request their international council in New York to seek the desired change.

While numerous missionaries have left their stations in Japanese-occupied areas in China, additional groups continue to carry on despite Japanese military opposition. These have indicated they are remaining "until greater hostilities or internment renders our work entirely impossible."

Meanwhile, evacuation of other Americans in China continues. In recent days an American President Lines vessel took an additional 100 Americans while the President Coolidge, sailing from here on Jan. 1, 1941, will carry a larger group, with a third liner scheduled to take still more on Jan. 9.

AIR ENGAGEMENT OVER DESERT

Two Italian Aircraft Destroyed

CAIRO, Dec. 30 (Reuters).—Two Italian aircraft were brought down and five others damaged during an encounter between R. A. F. fighters and a large formation of enemy bombers escorted by fighters.

Announcing this the R. A. F. headquarters in the Middle East also says that during the R. A. F. raid on Tobruk on the night of Dec. 28 fires were started but the full extent of the damage could not be observed.

The enemy bombed Sollum but only slight damage was caused.

VALONA BOMBED

Successful bombing of the Valona foreshore in southern Albania was also reported. One heavy bomb was seen to explode 50 yards from a large ship but the effect of the other bombs could not be observed owing to extremely bad weather.

All the British aircraft returned safely.

French Plane Mystery

Lyons Radio Denies Current Reports

LONDON, Dec. 30 (Reuters).—The reports that a French plane with five persons on board, including high personages, was shot down by Spanish A. A. fire near Gibraltar on Dec. 25 while on its way to France from Morocco are denied by the French wireless from Lyons last night.

No French plane, stated the announcer, left Morocco for France on that day nor have the French authorities any information of a plane under repair which left Oran on Dec. 25 with only civil technicians on board.

CHUNGKING CLAMPS DOWN ON FOOD HOARDING

STERN MEASURES PROMULGATED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 30 (Central).—Further stern measures to prevent hoarding of foodstuffs and other daily necessities for the purpose of speculation have been promulgated by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Shops or individuals hoarding foodstuffs or other daily necessities should sell them prior to Jan. 28 (Chinese New Year Eve) to meet the public demand. If it is anticipated that the stocks cannot be fully sold out before that date, they should be registered with the government offices concerned beforehand and continue to be sold after that date.

Possession of large stocks of foodstuffs or other daily necessities which have not been registered after that date will be considered as hoarding. The stocks will be confiscated and the owners will be court-martialed.

GOVT. PROTECTION

The government will protect the legitimate profits for owners who sell or register their stocks.

The Ministry of Social Welfare and the Chungking Municipal Government are instructed to hasten the organization of different trade unions. Legitimate traders are required to carry on their trade as usual.

Nobody who is not a member of any of the trade unions is allowed to purchase and hoard foodstuffs or other daily necessities exceeding the amount for his own need.

CONTROL ORGANS

Party, civil and military organizations as well as factories should get the approval of the control organs concerned for the purchase and hoarding of foodstuffs and other commodities for the consumption of their staffs or apply to these organs to purchase for them.

Foodstuffs and other commodities now being hoarded by such Party, civil, military organizations or factories should also be registered.

Showers Of Incendiaries, High Explosives On London

LONDON, Dec. 30 (Reuters).—Only slight German activity over Britain last night is reported in the Air Ministry communiqué. Bombs were dropped at a place in north-west England where a small number of people were killed and others injured.

Bombs were also dropped on one Suffolk coast town and two Kent coast towns and though some houses were damaged no casualties were reported.

London had one of the earliest alerts last night for some time and in the early stages the raid proved to be one of the most intensive yet experienced.

In all areas the showers of incendiaries were followed by high explosives.

EIRE SCARE

DUBLIN, Dec. 30 (Reuters).—An unidentified aircraft was sighted over Duncaruna and the Loch-willy coastal forts shortly after noon yesterday, states the Eirean Department of Defence.

Anti-aircraft batteries opened fire and the aircraft flew to the north-east.

Later in the afternoon a multi-engined military aircraft flew over Dublin and the Eastern Counties area.

Anti-aircraft artillery south of the capital opened fire and an interceptor patrol immediately took off but the intruder had disappeared into thick clouds before she could be identified.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LONDON, Dec. 30 (Reuters).—During the week ended midnight on Dec. 28, the Germans lost, in raids on Britain, seven planes—two on the night of Dec. 21-22; three on the night of Dec. 22-23; one during the day of Dec. 23; and one on the day of Dec. 25.

During the same period no British fighters were lost.

Five British bombers were lost in the course of widespread heavy attacks over enemy and enemy-occupied territory—one on the night of Dec. 22-23; one on the night of Dec. 23-24; one on the night of Dec. 26-27; and two on the night of Dec. 27-28.

Sons Of S'hai Businessmen Kidnapped

CHUNGKING, Dec. 30 (Central).—Wang Jan-chung, 7-year-old son of Wang Tse-sing, general manager of the Sin Hua Trust and Savings Bank, was kidnapped on Saturday morning while he was on his way to school, says a Shanghai report.

The kidnapers forced him into a motor car in Avenue Petain in the French Concession and drove into the Japanese-controlled area.

The same morning Yi Li-sheng, 12-year-old son of Yi Hsu-feng, manager of the Chan Yun Steamship Company at Baikal Road, Yangtzepoo in the eastern district of Shanghai, was also kidnapped while going to school.

U.S. MISSIONARIES LEAVING S'HAJ

CHUNGKING, Dec. 30 (Central).—About 200 American missionaries and their families will leave Shanghai for America aboard the President Coolidge on New Year Day and about 100 more will leave by the President Pierce on January 6 and the President Taft on January 20, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

EUROPEAN DIES IN MINE TRAGEDY

JHARIA, Dec. 30 (Reuters).—Four persons, including Mr. E. G. Barker, assistant manager of the Kastur Colliery, were asphyxiated while inspecting the mine. They were overcome by a leakage of gas before help could reach them.

JAPANESE PLANES BOMB KUNGAN

CHANGTSE, Dec. 30 (Central).—Kungan, in south Hupeh near the Hunan border, was bombed by nine Japanese planes yesterday morning. After releasing a number of missiles, the raiders flew away in a north-easterly direction.

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Need To Revise Johore Labour Code Stressed

A plea that certain sections of the Johore Labour Code be suitably revised when the F.M.S. Labour Code underwent revision was made by Mr. S. Harper Ball, Chairman of the Johore Planters' Association, when referring to the unfair bearing the section in its present form had on employers of labour, at the half-yearly meeting of the Association.

"It appears that in the F.M.S. where similar difficulties have arisen—and the law in the F.M.S. is similar to that of Johore—it was not considered practicable by Government to amend the labour code, but an assurance was given that the medical authorities would be prepared in suitable cases to waive the payment of hospital charges," said Mr. Harper Ball.

"The F.M.S. Labour Code, it is understood," he went on, "is under revision and the attention of the Controller of Babour, Malaya, is now invited to the section of the Labour Code under reference. I sincerely hope, too, that when this section is re-framed in the F.M.S. the corresponding section in the Johore Labour Code will be similarly revised."

Addressing the meeting, Mr. Harper Ball stated that "this section appears to bear very unfairly on employers of labour."

ESTATES' LIABILITY

He then referred to the case of two coolies who were injured in a motor accident off the estate where they worked, and in which the estate was made liable for the hospital charges.

"Another case concerned a coolie's daughter who was admitted to hospital after her father had been paid off from his place of employment, and who within three or four days obtained other employment."

Mr. Harper Ball drew attention to the section of the Labour Code

which stated that "if a labourer, at the time of his admission to a Government hospital, or within ten days previously, was employed on, or after employment, was residing on any estate, the employer shall pay the expenses of maintenance and treatment in hospital of such labourer and of any dependant of such labourer."

"In the case of this labourer's daughter, the question arose as to who should pay the hospital fees. The matter was referred to the Legal Adviser, whose ruling was that the coolie's last estate was liable for the medical expenses in spite of the fact that he was actually employed at another place at the time of his daughter's admission into hospital," pointed out Mr. Harper Ball.

"There are many other instances of a similar nature, but the two cases which have been brought to the notice of your committee clearly show that this provision of the Labour Code does not seem equitable."

"The question of estates' liability generally for hospital fees of labourers under the section in question was, therefore, raised by me at a meeting of the Planting Section of the U.P.A.M., held on Sept. 20 1940."

Mr. Harper Ball then referred to the F.M.S. Code, concluding with a hope that when the section concerned was re-framed the corresponding section in the Johore Code would be similarly revised.

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Uppermost in many minds will be the thought of what the morrow will bring; some will contemplate on experiences of the past year, weighing and measuring the experiences of a year and asking themselves if the fates had accorded them a full weight and measure of the bounty, both material and spiritual, of this world.

Others will spend the few minutes before midnight eavesdropping on their conscience and marshalling together a regiment of new year resolutions, not to smoke, drink, delight in the company of buffoons, or waste in ribald jest any sharp wit they did possess that could be employed to better purpose.

Both Bacchus and the Tobacco god will be back with us before the end of the year, so it would truly be a wasted effort to be resolute, with a glass in one hand and a cheroot in the other, to part company with these friends for a year. But resolutions may be made, worth the keeping, and with fresh memories of the destructive quality of mankind's genius in our minds, more so worth the making.

MORE CREATIVE

We could resolve to be more creative in our work, whatever calling we pursue, more creative in our recreation, whatever our game or hobby, more creative in our friendships, whoever our friends, more creative in our lives so that the end of a year will bring refreshing memories, no matter the age, the people, the peculiar circumstances of our times.

Having paid regard to the desirability of marshalling together our creative impulses, let us pause a minute to glance over the past year. Men who led nations a year ago are lost in obscurity on the dark continent that is Europe today.

Some of them strove only for power, others, their careers lighted by the lamp of patriotism, are striving yet, making the best of a bad job.

On an island off the Continent of Europe, separated from it by a narrow channel, a brave people are prepared to sit it out, the prize, liberty to pursue their own destiny, to speak freely, move freely, model their own laws and institutions, select their own friends, nominate their own leaders. Let our thoughts rest

FAREWELL PARTY

MR. A. W. HUGES & MR. H. C. J. ASCHÉ

About one hundred Old Boys of St. Stephen's College, Stanley, met at St. Francis Hotel on Sunday evening when opportunity was taken to bid farewell to Mr. A. W. Hughes, a member of the College Council, and Mr. H. C. J. Asché, M.Sc., B.C.E., Dip. Ed., (Melb.), Science Master, both of whom are going to Australia.

Dr. S. W. Ts'o, C.B.E., LL.D., said that Mr. Hughes had been a financial expert on the Council for over six years and had served on every financial sub-committee. Mr. Asché had worked at St. Stephen's College for 12 years and had endeared himself to many generations of students.

Mr. Hughes, replying, said it was a pleasure to meet so many Old Boys and to know that in these present dark days the spiritual and moral ideals were being taught at places like St. Stephen's College. He congratulated them on their College Association of Old Boys.

Mr. Asché spoke briefly, expressing the pleasure he had experienced in his duties and his friendships at the College.

Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament

Many Catholics and associations paid homage to the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the main altar of the Catholic Cathedral during the past two days when a Solemn Exposition was held.

The Exposition began every morning at 5.30 until 7 o'clock in the evening. In a Mass held yesterday at 6.15

CROWN LAND SALE

There being no other bidder, Ping Shan Inland Lot No. 8, at Castle Peak, with an area of 18,000 square feet, was sold yesterday to the applicant, Mr. Kwok Hin-wang, of No. 17, Connaught Road Central, at the upset price of \$500 (five cents per square foot).

Mr. B. H. C. Hallows, assistant Superintendent of Surveys, officiated.

It was learned, after the sale, that it is the intention of Mr. Kwok to build on the lot an European-type house for his own use.

B. W. O. F.

The following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fund:—

Previously acknowledged, £100 and \$619,988.87.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hall \$1,000, "Dancers" R.H.G.C. "Christmas Gifts" 100, Charles Pfister 10, T.C. Fairburn (in memory of Capt. R. Allinson) 10, Capt. I. Lossius November 20, "A friend of Miss Evelyn Tray" 25, Kowloon Docks Recreation Club for St. Dunstan's 9th donation 159, Miss M. Wentworth 20, S.W.P. Perry (monthly) 25, Hongkong Office of the Eagle and Globe Steel Co., Ltd. 250, Anonymous 20, A. Whitaker (monthly) 5, The H.K. Chinese Relief Association per Mr. Ho Kom Tong 750, "Lost Bet" 10, "Guernseyman" 10, The Asia Co. 500, Maurice Barton for St. Dunstan's 15, Fanning Club House Golfers Christmas Dinner 117, Total: \$823,042.87.

am, Rev. Father L. Fung delivered a sermon on Holy Eucharist.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

"I advise you to make the restitution if you can in view of the penalty for this very serious offence," said Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday when Wong Kwai, 30, rent collector, was charged before him with embezzling various sums amounting to \$522, being money collected on behalf of Hang Yuk-ming on divers dates between Nov. 29 and Dec. 15.

Det-Sgt. V.M. Morrison said that defendant was employed by the complainant as a rent collector. Sometime this month complainant was checking up his account and found it was short by \$522. When asked defendant admitted at the time that he had used the money which had been collected from 12 different addresses.

Sgt. Morrison added that he believed that it was the second time that defendant had done this. On the first occasion, when over \$500 was involved, the complainant gave defendant a chance and did not report the matter to the Police.

Defendant denied that he embezzled the money. He said that he had collected over \$400 and had lost it and was afraid to report to complainant.

Wong was remanded 72 hours by the Magistrate to see if he can repay the money to complainant.

COMMON GAMING HOUSE

Fines of \$40 each were imposed on four unemployed who were charged before Mr. Sheldon yesterday with keeping common gaming houses for the purpose of the lotto.

The defendants, who all pleaded guilty, were Tang Pat, 31, at No. 385 Hennessy Road, second floor; Wong Yiu, 42, at No. 9 Sau Wah Fong; Lau Hi, 38, at No. 48 Jardines Bazaar, first floor; and Sin Lam, 22, at No. 152 Johnston Road, first floor.

A total amount of \$3.74 table money was picked up from the four gaming schools.

Det-Sgt. V.M. Morrison prosecuted.

PRINTING PRESS CONFISCATED

Charged with keeping a printing press without a licence at Pottinger Street on Dec. 28, The Siu-wah, 23, printer and chop maker, was fined \$10 or 14 days' imprisonment by Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday.

Sgt. Scott said that he was walking along Pottinger Street at about 2.40 p.m. on Saturday when he saw defendant with a small printing press on a table in the street. When asked, defendant admitted that he had no licence.

When asked what he had to say defendant stated that he had nothing to say except to ask his Worship not to impose such a heavy fine as he had no money. The press was ordered to be confiscated.

THEFT OF CLOTH

Four months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Lowry yesterday on Ho Chuen, 26, who pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking into and stealing from No. 53 Jervois Street at 4.10 a.m. on Sunday and stole from it eight rolls of cloth valued at \$100.

Det-Sgt. W. Summers, who prosecuted, said that two Chinese detectives who were on patrol saw defendant carrying the rolls of cloth. He was questioned and admitted stealing them from the house which he entered by forcing open a shutter.

SENT TO SESSIONS

Banished for life on Aug. 3, 1938, an unemployed, Li Tong, returned to the Colony and was charged before Mr. Barnett yesterday with breach of the deportation order. Li was committed to the Criminal Sessions.

Sgt. Jackson, of the Special Branch, prosecuted.

THEFT OF \$600

Tricked before Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Lowry, Chan Chol, 33, was convicted, after evidence, on a charge of larceny of \$600 Chinese currency from Shun Ting, travelling trader, at Bonham Strand West, near the Western Market on Dec. 25.

Defendant, who had six previous convictions for larceny from the person, was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour.

Insp. F. D. B. Tuckett prosecuted.

AT KOWLOON

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IMITATION ROLEX

Six stall holders in Upper Lascar Row and Tung Street were summoned before Mr. Sheldon yesterday for having in their possession for sale, or for some purpose of trade or manufacture, watches bearing a mark so nearly resembling the Rolex trade mark as to be calculated to deceive.

The complainants were Lane, Crawford Ltd. represented by Mr. W. A. Mackinlay.

The defendants were Cheng Ying-mo, Ng Cheung, Chuen Kee, Wong Yau, Au Kam, and Shiu Pat.

Mr. Mackinlay said that people who had bought watches from these second hand stalls went to the agent and complained that they were not keeping correct time. The watches were imitation Rolex.

In ordering the defendants to pay \$25 each towards costs of the case, Mr. Sheldon told them to see that no false goods got into their hands.

STOLE TYPEWRITER

Charged with stealing, together with Luk Wan, from Room 312B, China Building, a Royal typewriter, two cotton quilts and other clothing, property of Lai Ming-tak, Pun Tung appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Det-Sgt. A. N. Cochrane said that defendant gained entrance to the room at 5 p.m. on Dec. 20 through the verandah and escaped by the fire-escape. The stolen articles were found in Pun's house, No. 3, Wo On Lane. All the articles were recovered.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty to the charge, was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

It will be recalled that Luk Wan received a similar sentence on Saturday.

HOUSE BOY IN TROUBLE

A house boy, Leung Wah-chi, 25, employed at No. 21, Granville Road, was charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with uttering a forged \$1 note and possession of the others.

It was alleged that accused went to the Dairy Farm and Cold Storage Company, Nathan Road, to make a purchase and tendered a forged note on Saturday.

Defendant was remanded until Thursday.

HEAVY FINES IMPOSED

Four Chinese on board a lorry which carried 6,720 catties of pine tree wood were arrested and charged before Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday with unlawful possession of wild tree wood.

The lorry was proceeding along Tai Po Road early on Sunday morning when it was stopped and the defendants arrested.

The first and second defendants were each fined \$100 or 12 weeks' hard labour, while the others were each fined \$60 or two months' hard labour.

FALSE ROBBERY REPORT

Convicted of giving false information to the Police, Ng Chung-pang, 28, coolie, was fined \$20 or a month's hard labour by Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday.

It was said by the prosecution that defendant went with his master to the Central Police Station and made a report that he had been held up by two Chinese armed with daggers on Saturday at Chatham Road and robbed of \$134, property of his master.

Defendant was taken to Hums-bom Police Station where he was questioned by Sgt. Haynes. On finding a fountain pen in his possession Sgt. Haynes came to the conclusion that accused had given false information.

After further questioning defendant admitted that he had lost his master's money in gambling and had to make such a false report.

MURDER HEARING FIXED

Hearing was fixed for Jan. 8 by Mr. Himsforth yesterday in the case in which Liu Ghek, 22, Tam Wang-kai, 34, and Chan Fel, 35, were charged with murder and robbery. Another man, Lui Wah, 49, was charged with receiving stolen property.

It was alleged that the defendants broke into No. 60, Arkley Street, on Nov. 24 and murdered a 50-year-old amah, Tsol Kuen. They were also alleged to have stolen a quilt cotton cover, two female long coats, \$2.80 Hongkong currency and \$10 Chinese currency.

Det-Sgt. N. B. Fraser prosecuted.



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MARINE COURT

ENTERED MINELANDS

For entering a prohibited area, namely West Lamma Channel minelands, Wong Ting-san, master of an unlicensed junk, was cautioned when he appeared before Lt.-Comdr. J. Jolly, R.N.R., at the Marine Court yesterday.

Sergeant Mayor was in charge of the case.

BOAT MISTRESSES FINED

Wong Kau, mistress of boat No. 1055W, Pang Fuk, mistress of boat No. 1238V, Chan Ng, mistress of boat No. 2220V, Ip Mui, mistress of boat No. B4V, and Leung Mei, mistress of boat No. 2453W, were charged before Lt.-Comdr. J. Jolly, R.N.R., yesterday for mooring in a prohibited area, namely, Causeway Bay, on Dec. 28, and were fined \$3 or three days' hard labour, each.

Sgt. Campbell prosecuted.

PROHIBITED ANCHORAGE

For anchoring within 100 yards of the praya wall east of the O.S.K. wharf in Connaught Road, Central, Fok Ngau, Leung Yuk-tai, and Ng Sai-mui, owners of Class II boats, were fined \$7, or seven days' hard labour, each, when they appeared before Lt.-Comdr. J. Jolly yesterday.

Sgt. Davitt prosecuted in all three cases.

NO LICENCE

Failure to take out the necessary licence for her junk cost Muk Mui \$5, or five days' hard labour, when she was charged before Lt.-Comdr. J. Jolly, R.N.R., yesterday. Sgt. Haynes prosecuted.

POLICE REPORTS

Mrs. Lamb of No. 52, The Peak, has reported to the Police that during the past week clothing to the total value of \$138 had been stolen from her residence.

Miss Chan Yin-hing, of No. 1 Castle Road, reports that clothing to the value of \$38 were stolen from her residence on Sunday.

The theft of his car, No. 2859, which was parked outside the Nathan Road between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Sunday, has been reported to the Police by Lai Chun-wah, of Portland Street.

Mrs. Ng Kwan Wai-tun, of No. 525 Nathan Road, has reported the theft of her car, No. 4398 from outside the above address between 8 p.m. on Sunday and 8 a.m. yesterday.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificates 6/NS. 4412 dated Hongkong, 16th January, 1936 for Three shares of this Bank numbered 97994/97996 inclusive registered in the names of Messrs. Manek Roostumjee Mehta and Dhun Manek Mehta has been Lost or Stolen, and should this certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 11th January, 1941, a new certificate for the shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 6/NS. 4412 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
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NOTICE

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

It is hereby notified that as from January 7, 1941, the telephone number of the Hongkong Daily Press, Marina House, will be

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instead of 30251 as hitherto. The other line, 33383, remains unchanged.

MISSING CARS LOCATED

Two cars reported stolen on Sunday night have been located by the police.

Car No. 4398, belonging to Mrs. Ng Kwan Wai-tuen, of No. 525, Nathan Road, was found in Kowloon City at 11.30 a.m. yesterday.

Car No. 2359, the property of Mr. Lai Chuen-wah, of Portland Street, Kowloon, was found parked behind the Kwong Wah Hospital at 8.30 a.m.

RICE SITUATION IN MACAO

(Our Own Correspondent)
MACAO, Dec. 27.—Further control of prices in Macao of Saigon rice were adopted by the local Government following the publication in the Government Bulletin last week of prices for this staple.

Prices have been set as follows: Second grade, \$14.50 per picul; Third grade, \$12.90 per picul; Fourth grade, \$11.00 per picul. All prices are in Hongkong currency.

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JAPAN BACKS THE WRONG HORSE

AT THE RECENT meeting in Tokyo to speed, Admiral Nomura on his way as Ambassador to Washington, Mr. Matsuoka expressed the hope that the United States would think not once nor twice but a hundred times before embarking on war against Germany. As there has been no suggestion that America proposed to do anything of the sort, this very strong appeal was evidently meant to make the matter doubly sure. If America went into the war, then Japan would be virtuous of her unfortunate treaty with Germany have to join in the struggle too. The fervour with which the ambassador made the appeal suggests that that is the last thing that Japan wants to do, and the only way in which she can escape this heavy liability is by America refraining from making such a declaration.

IN THE PRESENT attenuated state of her exchequer and of her deadlock in China in view of the heavy sacrifices made by the Japanese people during the past three and a half years in their standard of living, it was probably a very genuine and heartfelt appeal that Mr. Matsuoka made to Mr. Joseph Grew. So far Japan's policy has created an implacable hatred against her in China, roused suspicions in Russia, and antagonised the United States as well as Britain. Thus she has most effectively encircled herself and has as allies a tottering Italy and a Germany that can render her very little help. Strangely enough, however, it is not the anxiety that America will enter the war that really exists. It is this preparation for the advance south which rouses the deepest suspicion. It is not the United States that will extend the area of conflict, but it is Japan which threatens to do so. With equal sincerity and equal emphasis the American ambassador might very well have begged the Foreign Minister to think ten thousand times before he launched any attack against the Netherlands East Indies.

THESE TROOP and fleet concentrations in the south, this so-called treaty of peace with Wang Ching-wei only too plainly mean that a new policy is about to be launched. While Japan hopes that she will not be drawn into war on account of the action of the United States, the rest of the world fears that she may be drawn into the conflict by her own ambitious actions. The whole policy of Japan has been based on the assumption that the Axis powers would win the war. That is where the danger lies. Japan not only wishes to take advantage of a disturbed Europe—that she has already done—but she seeks to increase and afterwards hold the new territories she has overrun. A disturbed Europe, however, for her means an occupied Britain and after-



ALLEGED LIBEL ON LORD BEAVERBROOK

William Ernest Frank Jones, 45, Northbourne-avenue, Bournemouth, was at Bournemouth committed for trial at Winchester Assizes on a charge of publishing on a postcard a defamatory libel concerning Lord Beaverbrook.

Mr. J. F. Claxton, prosecuting, said the Bournemouth police on Sept. 25 received a postcard, on the back of which was stated:

"London newspapers' secret news system proves Lord Beaverbrook instigated murder of Mr. Anthony Crossley, M.P., and Sir Charles Cawser, M.P. Lord Beaverbrook blackmailed the Prime Minister, and the King and Queen of London."

"Lord Beaverbrook is chairman of a crime gang international who promotes war, murder, rape."

In a statement to the court Jones said he was not guilty.

POTATO BREAD IN GUERNSEY

Two members of separate escape parties from enemy-occupied Guernsey, one living in London and the other in Glasgow, confirm that conditions on the island at present are not critical, but that food prospects for the winter give cause for anxiety.

All able-bodied persons must do work of some kind. Growing estates have been taken over by the Island States even in cases where the owners remained in the island. Bulbs have been lifted and tomato-growing discontinued; wheat, beans and a later crop of potatoes are now being raised.

Working hours are 8 a.m. to 6.30 p.m., and all workers receive the same wage, 30s or 38s weekly in the case of married men, with a few shillings extra for those with children.

wards a defeated Britain. But if things do not fall out in that way, then Japan has to take a decision in policy that will have very far-reaching effects. It is because that prospect is looming up more and more clearly, that Japan today has a very troubled mind.

LITTLE COMFORT can be drawn from the collapse of Italy in Africa, or from the failure of Germany to rally those nations round her which were expected to adhere to the Axis. Bulgaria, Turkey and Spain are not yet showing any enthusiasm to co-operate, while France is proving recalcitrant both to threats and blandishments. Marshal Petain is master of unoccupied France and of the French Colonial Empire, which the armistice guaranteed to him. Any serious threats might very well renew the war with Germany from those colonies with the fleet she still possesses. Added to these naval, military and diplomatic failures for the Axis, there is also the unequivocal and reiterated statement of the United States that she will give from her vast resources every assistance, short of war, to Britain. The warning power of the Axis is thus balanced by the waxing power of the British Empire. There seems from this survey little comfort to be drawn by Japan, which in this war has clearly backed the wrong horse.—(Contributed).

Problems Which Faced The Mediterranean Fleet Are Explained By "Taffrail"

"The balance of naval power now in the Mediterranean will directly effect the outcome of the whole war," said "Taffrail" (Capt. Henry Taprell Dorling, D.S.O., R.N. (Retd.), F.R. Hist.S., F.R.S.A.) when he broadcast from London yesterday on the problems that confronted the British Fleet in the Mediterranean when Italy entered the war against Britain on June 10, 1940, after the collapse of France, expecting that Britain too would collapse soon afterwards.

"One wonders," said "Taffrail," "what were the feelings of the Naval Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, at the time. The British Fleet, as we know, was waiting and ready for action. His duty, of course, was to bring the Italian Fleet into action and to destroy it."

SUSPENSE OVER

"He also had to protect Egypt and the Suez Canal and to deal with the Italian Army's defences along the coast road in North Africa. He also had to maintain allied trade in the Aegean Sea, at the southern end of which the Italians possessed an outpost in the Dodecanese Islands, which they had occupied since 1912."

"These islands were heavily fortified and garrisoned and when Italy declared war, Admiral Cunningham was glad that the suspense was over and that the moment for action had come. It mattered little whether the Italian Fleet was superior or inferior in armaments to his own fleet. Our Commander-in-Chief knew his ships and the mettle of his men and he knew also that they were unsurpassable."

"The Italians were not experienced in naval warfare, judging from what they did against the Austrians in the Adriatic in the last war. He therefore, faced what was before him with quiet confidence."

PLANS CUT AND DRIED

"Within a short time of the declaration of war by Italy, the British Fleet was at sea—their plans cut and dried. He was on the offensive and he knew the Mediterranean as well as anyone. 'What then were the problems he had to face?' asked 'Taffrail.' 'If you look at the map you will see that Malta, the principal British base in the Mediterranean, is about 1,000 miles from Gibraltar and slightly to the west from Alexandria and that it is not well situated for the use of a large fleet."

"This means that the area of the Mediterranean was a happy hunting ground for Italian submarines, but Gibraltar and Malta

offered dual control on which British strategy was based."

GERMAN ADVANTAGE

"Taffrail" went on to comment on the advantage which the Germans held by reason of the fact that they possessed about 2,000 miles of coastline, which made it easy for Germany to prey upon British commerce in the Atlantic with surface raiders, submarines and aircraft."

"The last half of 1940 saw a tremendous task before the British Navy," said "Taffrail," "but the situation has since then been much relieved by the smashing blow delivered against the Italians in the Mediterranean."

The speaker referred to the effect this naval victory in the Mediterranean would have on Italy's supplies, for a great part of which she had been dependent on what she obtained from overseas, particularly from Britain and Germany. With British supplies now denied her, her Axis partner would have to make up the deficiency, who was himself not in a position to render Signor Mussolini much assistance."

PERILOUS POSITION

"Taffrail" was convinced that the Italians would not now be able to reinforce their troops in North Africa as Britain held all the lines of communication. Italian position in East Africa, he said, now that they were cut off from the outside world was precarious and the territory held by them would be returned to their rightful owners in due course."

"We have to concentrate in the main theatre of war in the Mediterranean against Italy," said the speaker. "The British Fleet has had the mastery of the Mediterranean from the early stages of the war and the Italians have been unwilling to challenge this British sea power."

"Without Admiral Cunningham's Fleet in the Mediterranean, the Italians would have been able to send their forces to Africa and South-East Europe would have been at the mercy of the Axis. 'Taffrail' concluded by referring to the part played by the British Navy in the operations in the Western Desert and stating that Italy was in a perilous position."

Any Letter For You?

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NEWSETTES

The French Ambassador to China, M. Henri Cosme, arrived in the Colony from Chungking on Saturday and will leave for Shanghai shortly.

The funeral took place at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday evening of little Jean Larken, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Larken. The Rev. A. P. Rose officiated at the graveside. Many wreaths were sent.

Mrs. Wilson, of No. 297, Prince Edward Road, has reported that a burglar broke into her house, gaining entrance through an open window, and decamped with money, jewellery and other articles to the total value of \$488.70.

Mr. Franklin L. Hutton, father of the beautiful Princess Barbara, "the five-and-ten" heiress, died at Charleston, South Carolina on Dec. 5, after an illness of several weeks. He was the head of a New York brokers firm. Princess Barbara is the grand-daughter of Mr. Frank W. Woolworth, founder of the five-and-ten cent store millions.

CEDAR KHAN, 27, watchman, was alleged to have leapt from the roof of Tak Yu teashop, at No. 378, Shanghai Street at 1.30 p.m. yesterday. He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital where his condition is said to be fairly serious.

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Dr. Lo Chung-fai and his bride, formerly Miss Lee Sui-ye, photographed after their wedding.—(King's Studio).

HOWARD MARSHALL TELLS US—
WHAT THEY ARE SAYING IN BRITAIN ABOUT—

NATIONAL

RESOLUTION:

Speaking of New Year resolution in his weekly broadcast from London yesterday, in the series "News from Home," MR. HOWARD MARSHALL, B.B.C. commentator, referred to Britain's National Resolution, which, he said, was "to win this war and to win it as soon as possible by doing our best."

"War is the chief business now," he said, "and we are right to keep at grips with it. That is what we are hoping for in 1941. We believe in the resolution of the War Cabinet to go ahead with it even if it means taking risks. We have to live dangerously now."

"We have just passed through a strange year—a year which was also foreshadowed with triumphs and we now leave 1940 more happily than when we entered it."

"We are on the last lap, so to speak, so we are starting 1941 in high spirits. We are no longer speculating about the possible effects of bombing. We know of it and we know we can stand up to it. So we are not worrying about 1941 from that aspect."

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT:

Mr. Marshall had some interesting things to say about how London spent Christmas.

"It turned out to be a very happy Christmas," he said, "and there was no lack of the Christmas spirit. All over the country there was the right feeling. There were carol parties and all the familiar scenes. There were the shelter parties and underground stations were more festive than they have been before. These railway platforms were transformed into ballrooms and impromptu dances were held to the music of gramophones and the wireless."

"Among the people who were being entertained were the troops from the Dominions. Five hundred Canadians were entertained by the staff of a big London store and they certainly had a good time."

"I myself slipped out to dine with friends and to pull a Christmas cracker and as I walked home afterwards through the dark streets there was still plenty of Christmas spirit abroad. There was that extraordinary sense of goodwill everywhere and it shone through the black-out."

BOMBARDMENT OF NAURU ISLAND

TOKYO, Dec. 30 (Reuter).—The Nichi Nichi Shimbun's special correspondent in Berlin reports that Germany admits the bombardment of Nauru Island but denied that the raider flew Japanese colours and claims that Mr. R. G. Menzies' statement on it was propaganda.

In the 500 junior farm clubs of the province conducted under the supervision of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, 8,733 girls and boys are engaged in various projects. There are 306 girls' garment clubs with 4,000 members; 117 garden clubs with 1,678 members; 42 calf clubs with 508 members as well as clubs for other live stock and also for various field crops.

SHELTER

CONDITIONS:

Mr. Marshall next commented on what was being done to improve living conditions in shelters and the steps being taken to reduce the risks of epidemics. Plans were going forward for heating and ventilation and so far there had been no outbreak of influenza epidemics.

"Influenza," he said, "seems to be in cycles and sometimes it lets us off lightly."

"One of the funny things is how important matters like this have become to us. We don't like influenza in peace time, but in wartime we welcome it even less, because it must affect the ordinary time of life and interfere with our war effort."

THE NEW YEAR:

Mr. Marshall went on to say that they would welcome the New Year with a certain amount of cheerfulness.

"Not the irresponsible cheerfulness of peace time," he said. "In thousands of homes men and women will be looking to the future, wondering what it will hold for them and for their children, but everyone is resolved to do their best."

"This is one of the reasons why we can look forward with confidence," said Mr. Marshall. "We have the sense of being members of a gigantic army, an army which does not end on the shore of Britain, but stretches all over the world. 'There it is and as one member of that army to another, may I once again send you every possible good wish for the New Year and the best of luck until we meet again.'"

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DR. V. K. TING

CHUNGKING, Dec. 30 (Central).—Under the auspices of the China Geological Society a memorial service for the late Chinese geologist Dr. V. K. Ting will be held in Chungking on the fifth anniversary of his death on Jan. 5. His works will be exhibited.

For the period January-September, British Columbia's central electric stations reported an output of 1,558,240,000 kilowatt hours compared with 1,457,885,000 for the corresponding period of 1939. The daily average for the nine months of 1940 was 5,680,000 k.w.h. as compared with 5,431,000 for a similar period in 1939.

Greater Montreal's population is now nearly a million and a half. Lovell's new Directory shows 1,476,737 residents within that area and 1,294,792 in the city of Montreal. Greater Montreal includes Lachine, Longueuil, Montreal East, Montreal South, Montreal West, Town of Hampstead, Town of Mount Royal, Outremont, St. Lambert, Ville LaSalle, Ville St. Laurent, Ville St. Pierre, Verdun and Westmount.

The German news agency states that there are now 1,100,000 foreigners working in Germany, an increase from 900,000 at the start of the war.

The Board of Trade announced that raw cotton cannot be imported from the Empire except Hongkong, French Cambodia and Egypt, states a London message.

ROOSEVELT PUTS ISSUES OF THE WAR AGAINST NAZIISM PLAINLY BEFORE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

"No Reason For Defeatism—Every Reason For Hope"

DESCRIBING THE MEMBERS OF THE AXIS PACT AS "AN UNHOLY ALLIANCE OF HORROR AND TERROR TO DOMINATE AND ENSLAVE THE HUMAN RACE," President Roosevelt concluded his broadcast to the American people on Sunday night with the declaration:

"I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT AXIS POWERS ARE NOT GOING TO WIN THIS WAR. I BASE THAT BELIEF ON THE BEST MILITARY INFORMATION. THERE IS NO REASON FOR DEFEATISM—THERE IS EVERY REASON FOR HOPE."

Mr. Roosevelt's address put the issues of the war against Nazism plainly before the American people.



"America," he said, "stands in the shadow of war. A British victory is necessary for America and American arms are necessary for a British victory."

"Never before has our civilization been in such danger as now. Last year, three nations—two in Europe and one in Asia—got together with the threat that they would unite against us if we interfered with them. The Nazi masters have made it clear that they intend to enslave the whole of Europe and then to dominate the rest of the world."

"Herr Hitler said three weeks ago that he could beat any power in the world. It can be asserted categorically that the United States has not right of reason to encourage any talk of peace until the aggressor nations abandon their attack to conquer and dominate the world."

"At this moment the forces of evil are being held from these shores."

GRAVE CONCERN

"It is a matter of grave concern."

RADIO ADDRESS BY ROOSEVELT

AID FOR BRITAIN REAFFIRMED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (Reuter).—In a radio address listened to by millions of people in the United States and other parts of the world President Roosevelt reaffirmed in careful language the determination of his Administration to render all possible aid to Britain and to build up American defences till they were impregnable against outside threats.

In many respects the President's speech was declaration of principles, positively but broadly sketched, which he would fill in when he addressed Congress on Jan. 6, says the correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph.

Vichy Government Close Italo-French Frontier

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WHAT HITLER WANTS

LONDON, Dec. 30 (Reuter).—"The things which Herr Hitler now most wants from France are beyond doubt Mediterranean ports, and remaining units of the French Fleet and, above all, bases in Africa," declared THE TIMES commenting on the tug-of-war now proceeding between Hitler and Marshal Petain.

The paper adds: "Signor Mussolini's defeat has made them all the more essential and Hitler is busy trying to secure them under the guise of 'co-operation with France.'"

"M. Laval was an instrument in this policy and it is a serious embarrassment to Hitler that this instrument has been snatched by

PETAIN'S DECISIVE ACT

"What Germany has most to fear is that any move against the Marshal or any overt violation of the Armistice would rally the North African colonies, already encouraged by Mussolini's defeat, to belated resistance and create in French Africa a solid bloc fighting side by side with Britain for the liberation of France."

"But contemplation of Hitler's embarrassments should not blind us to the desperate dilemma of the French people. The faintest gesture of resistance may produce at any moment a fresh turn of the screw and make a scarcely bearable life still more intolerable."

ONE OF GREATEST EFFORTS OF CAREER

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President seem to blaze with indignation in his reference to the way in which Germany and Italy had joined together to threaten the United States.

This demonstration was evidence of the friendship that Australia feels for the people of the United States.

HIDDEN FROM PUBLIC

In the AXIS COUNTRIES the speech has been hidden from the public.

Questioned on German reaction, a spokesman of the Propaganda Ministry refused to make any comment except to say that the President's speech was "very interesting and his words are being carefully studied."

If the Germans ever hear the speech it will be in the Nazi form with the main parts of it cut out. In ROME comment has been withheld in official quarters pending a study of the speech. The public had to wait until the afternoon to read only a brief summary of the broadcast.

The GERMAN PRESS have, however, thought it necessary to call off its campaign warning President Roosevelt not to continue help to Britain.

WORDS INTO ACTION

MAJOR FIELDING ELIOT, the American commentator, said that details of reactions to the speech will not be known until the President's message to Congress next Friday, but he is certain that the nation will translate the President's words into action.

LONDON AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES welcomed Mr. Roosevelt's speech as proof of the realism of

the American attitude to the dangers which confront the United States not only in Europe but in Asia.

President Roosevelt's recognition of the futility of any attempt to appease the forces of evil is noted in London with special satisfaction.

The speech is regarded as of vital importance to the people of Britain who are determined to continue the war, no matter what the cost until the danger is overcome.

ULTIMATE DEFEAT

His definition of America's role as an arsenal of democracy and his forthright expression of belief in the ultimate defeat of the Axis powers will be a source of inspiration and courage to the leaders and people of Britain.

The goodwill and provision of American material assistance in gathering volume and, above all, with utmost speed, are of no less vital importance to the people of Britain.

KEYNOTE OF POLICY

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt's speech is described here as a "keynote of policy rather than a detailed plan for aiding Britain."

Details, it is suggested, are being held over for the President's message to Congress on Jan. 3.

The BALTIMORE SUN expresses regret that the President's speech did not contain these details and the DAILY MIRROR takes the same line, but the majority of newspapers indicate a widespread support for the President's call for greater aid for Britain and great efforts for national defence.

DELIBERATE ATTEMPT BY GERMANS TO SET LONDON ON FIRE

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British bombers have carried out over industrial targets in Germany.

NOTEWORTHY FEATURE

A noteworthy feature of what is officially described as a deliberate attempt to burn the city of London was the manner in which modern buildings withstood the onslaught.

The most fierce fires were in old buildings used as offices and containing much dry wood.

Noteworthy, too, was the coolness of women ambulance workers and fire fighters and operators of mobile tea canteens throughout the raid.

During the height of the raid there was suddenly a lull in the roar of anti-aircraft barrage and almost immediately R.A.F. fighters appeared.

A short and sharp engagement with the German raiders followed and after there was a more prolonged lull, clearly indicating that the wave of raiders had been driven off.

Shelters in one church which was hit were 400 people but all were safely evacuated.

INVALUABLE WORK

Roofspotters, clinging to their

posts, did invaluable work in detecting firemen and R.A.F. personnel to the danger points, where incendiaries had fallen.

One of the heroes of the night was Charles McCarthy, a night porter at a building near St. Bride's Church. After helping to put out fires caused by two incendiaries, he climbed to the belfry in an attempt to deal with the third, but was driven back by smoke.

Then he rescued an altar cloth and bibles from the altar, and also saved a brass lectern, which he had to drag down the aisle as great embers were falling into the body of the church.

St. Bride's, which is very dear to Fleet Street and known to journalists all over the Empire, is perhaps as fine an example of Wren's work as can be found. Today, only a part of the walls and the spire is left intact.

COMPLETELY GUTTED

St. Vedast Foster in Foster Lane, was completely gutted, though the tower and outer walls remain. At Guildhall, fortunately most of the treasures which are used to adorn the building before the war, had been removed to safety, otherwise they certainly would have been destroyed for the flames spread rapidly and soon the Council Chamber and the ancient banquet hall were alight.

One of the oldest houses in London, in Neville's Court, built in 1664, which survived the Great Fire of London, was a victim of last night's raiders.

Very bad weather conditions over the continent restricted the activities of the R.A.F. over Germany and enemy occupied territory, adds a London message.

One squadron of British bombers flew over but heavy clouds made accurate bombing impossible but it was reported that a number of invasion ports and aerodromes had been attacked. Two British machines are missing.

The R.A.F. have also attacked Naples when two waves of British planes flew over and dropped bombs and leaflets. Several buildings are said to have been damaged and a number of casualties caused.

The leaflets are believed to be translations of Mr. Churchill's speech branding Mussolini as the man who had brought Italy into the war.

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MR. PAUL MCNUTT

MCNUTT TO SUCCEED KENNEDY?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt's presence at British Ambassador Lord Lothian's funeral yesterday stimulated rumors today that the former High Commissioner to the Philippines might succeed Joseph P. Kennedy as ambassador to Britain.

McNutt, however, said he had no desire to become ambassador to the Court of St. James. He was the sole ranking United States official to attend the funeral services, with the exception of a state department protocol representative, but he explained he was a close personal friend of Lothian. He revealed that he spent last Saturday evening with the late ambassador.

Some usually credible sources said McNutt was a real candidate for the ambassadorship to London, but friends of McNutt's said he would not be financially able to handle the social obligations of such an ambassadorship, which usually requires individual wealth to maintain American prestige.

Ambassador Kennedy recently submitted his resignation to President Roosevelt, but is continuing to serve as ambassador pending the appointment of his successor.

Attempt To Discredit British News

LONDON, Dec. 20 (BWS).—Rome Radio, in its efforts to create mistrust of British war news, yesterday adopted a rather feeble expedient.

It accused the B.B.C. and Cairo of issuing widely differing reports of the number of Italian machines destroyed—alleging that while the former claims Italian losses as two planes the latter gave 24.

Rome was half correct in its facts. It only omitted to mention that the figure given by the B.B.C. was for the single day of December 20 and the Cairo figure related to the number of aircraft shot down by a single squadron during six and a half months of war in the Western Desert.

Prof. Cullis On Need To Avoid Industrial Fatigue

The futility of getting workers to toil for long hours with little rest in the hope of increasing production was emphasised by Prof. Winifred Cullis, C.B.E., when she addressed Singapore Rotarians on "Industrial Fatigue" at the Club's weekly luncheon.

Pointing out the importance of giving workers proper rest, Dr. Cullis said that experiments had given proof that if the body muscles were pushed to the exhaustion point, it would be necessary to wait for hours before the muscles would be able to do work which could be compared in efficiency with the first.

For real efficiency among workers and good outputs, Dr. Cullis said, workers should not be made to work for too long hours.

In her interesting address, Professor Cullis drew reference to experiments made in the last war, when in efforts to increase armament production workers were made to work for long hours and seven days a week.

HOURS SHORTENED

Munitions workers, plodding at this rate, Dr. Cullis said, were so affected by fatigue that instead of a rise in production resulted, and when the hours were shortened after investigations the rate of production shot up at once.

As a result, Dr. Cullis went on, the Government decided to limit all overtime work and also prevented any worker from working more than six hours a day. Professor Cullis also referred to the present war when, she said, a similar push for armaments and munitions was made, necessitating long working hours.

She added that she sent a message to Mr. Herbert Morrison, with a view to reminding him of the experiments of 1916, and received a reply assuring her that the steps taken in this war were purely temporary.

JAPANESE SUPPLY DEPOTS FIRED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 30 (Central).—A clash took place between Chinese and Japanese north-east of Moatsintu, Yellow River crossing on the south Shansi border, on Dec. 26. The Japanese heavily bombarded the Chinese position at Halletsum, a village in the neighbourhood. Several tear gas shells were fired.

Chinese troops broke into Chungwang, west of Tsinyang in north Honan, on Dec. 22, setting Japanese supply depots on fire.

THAI-INDO-CHINA HOSTILITIES

BANGKOK, Dec. 30 (Reuter).—"Local hostilities" between Thailand and French troops occurred on Saturday, according to a communiqué issued yesterday by the Thai High Command.

The communiqué claims that the French were routed and arms and munitions captured. It is added that on Saturday evening French troops opened fire from Vientiane but were quickly silenced.

Satisfactory Collaboration Between Govt. And T.U.C.

A review of the part played by the British Trade Union in Britain's war effort was given in London yesterday, says a London message.

This review showed how close and satisfactory is the collaboration between the Government and the Trade Union Congress.

There was goodwill on both sides and united determination to defeat the Nazi menace quickly—a purpose which has swept away all initial differences.

The whole organisation was now working smoothly with the Government.

CANTEENS INSPECTED

A number of canteens provided by the Trade Union were inspected by H.M. the King at Buckingham Palace on Sunday.

In addition the Union has lent the Government nearly £1,000,000 and individual contributions from the workers are being given under the "penny a week" scheme.

3,000 ENROL TO CLEAR DEBRIS

There has been a good response to the urgent appeal made by the Minister of Labour, Mr. Bevin, for a Labour Reserve with the slogan, "Londons must help to get London cleared up quickly."

Mr. Bevin is anxious for a steady recruitment over a fair period. Unemployed men can enrol at any Labour Exchange.

Already more than 3,000 men have been enrolled, representing many spheres of employment from navies to "black-coated workers."

NEW FORCE

Mr. Bevin is enthusiastic about this new force, and emphasises that its work is of national importance. He wants many more men to enrol.

The scheme will enable fit unemployed men to obtain immediate employment at current rates of pay. The Minister also points out that no matter what a man's previous employment, he can try his hand at this work.

Joining the Labour Reserve will not handicap a man when a new job is his own line is available.

Mobile canteens will be sent to places where clearing up is taking place, and hot food will be served to the men.

AIRMEN ON GUARD

Ready For Raiders At A Fighter Station

As an example of smooth, fast-moving efficiency it would be almost impossible to find anything better than an R.A.F. fighter station. Everything works with clock-like precision, but with a precision which cannot be upset by an emergency. Each man knows equally well his normal task and the part he must play if trouble comes, and he does them both without fuss or delay.

A little matter like a German air-raid is not allowed to throw sand into the works. Some time before the bombers and their escorts can reach the aerodrome the Spitfires, Hurricanes, or Defiants have gone out to intercept them. For the ground staffs the only difference is that those who are on duty all take up their action stations; those who are not get under cover so as not to be in the way.

The defences are manned, the fire and ambulance units stand ready, and in an incredibly short time everything and everybody is prepared for whatever is to come. Most time the fighters and anti-aircraft units turn the raiders back before they reach the aerodrome, but if some get through they find everything prepared for their reception, if not for their comfort.

A day or so ago I visited an aerodrome which had just "withstood" a determined attack by a strong force of Junkers. Thanks to the accuracy of the station's light anti-aircraft guns and the violence of our fighters who were charged into the enemy who were threatening their "home," most of the bombs had been dropped rather too quickly to permit of accurate aim.

Many of the incendiaries had burned themselves out in adjoining fields. A few high explosive bombs had bored great holes in the roads and lanes outside, soon after squads of men were searching the neighbourhood for unexploded bombs.

BACK TO NORMAL

The sentries stood at their sandbagged posts examining the passes of visitors. In the operations room signals were being exchanged with Fighter Command. In the maintenance shop the men had taken up their overhaul of engines where they left it when the raid interrupted it.

The interrogation officer was waiting for a call to German prisoners who had baled out of their wrecked bombers. The administrative staff were bringing the squadron's record up to date and agreeing that "Smithy" ought soon to be getting a D.F.C.

The gun crews were relaxing in their dug-outs, having already got the ammunition ready for the next call to action. As the long stone-built hut the young sergeant was continuing his expert folding of parachutes. Two attractive young W.A.A.F. officers, with a dog at their feet, had resumed their books in the sunshine streaming down on the lawn. Lorries and vans came and went, bringing stores and spare parts.

The cooks were hurrying over their preparations for lunch, cursing the Germans because the meal might be a bit late. In the dispersal but the reave pilots of "A" Flight were lounging on beds, reading newspapers and magazines while they waited for their turn to take off. Every few minutes a Hurricane came down to have its guns and petrol tanks recharged, and then took off for another crack at the enemy. Life was back to its war-time normal.

On one day visited one fighter station one knows them all. They differ only in unimportant details. There is always the same atmosphere of quiet, unstrained alertness; the same orderly appearance which speaks of unsleeping readiness for action.

Fighter stations are the main striking force of a carefully worked out defensive system. They are linked by a fast means of communications to Fighter Command, which directs the operations. The fighter organization works closely with the Observer Corps, the anti-aircraft batteries, and, at night, with the searchlight units.

ON PATROL

Every day and every night Coastal Command and Fighter Command aircraft carry out defensive patrols. Delicate mechanical "ears" listen for the sound of approaching aircraft and flash the news back to the fighters and the ground defences. Spitfires and Hurricanes are stationed at strategic points where they are ready at a moment's notice to

TRAINING OF HOME GUARDS

On a recent week-end another large concentration of Home Guard units received instruction in weapon training. Hitherto practice has been almost entirely confined to the rifle.

Machine-gun instruction was included. It is probable that some units will specialise in this arm. Mortars, which have been described as the 'infantryman's artillery', are also in the Home Guard armoury.

This development in training is made possible because of the high percentage of ex-Service men in the force who need only a refresher course to bring them up to the qualifying standard of efficiency.

SHORTENED COURSE

Already thousands of men have passed through a shortened practical course. Yesterday and again to-day there was a constant stream of armed men to the ranges.

The rifle practice was done at the 200 yards' range. Here wind resistance is negligible, so that there was no reason to trouble about wind adjustment.

Linked up with the rifle practice in the Home Guards' training are exercises in field-art at the War Office school of instruction. The training does not necessarily follow that of the Regular soldier because the volunteer's duties vary greatly according to the locality in which he is employed.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of Messrs. Cable and Wireless, Ltd.: Via Cable—Mrs. Buckley, 43A Hillwood Road, Kowloon, from Chesterport; W. F. Martin, LSRA Staff, R.A. Hospital, from Lifford; Mrs. Buckley, 43B Hillwood Rd., Kowloon, from Bexleyheath; Mr. John Hamilton, Arlington Hotel, Kowloon, from Longbeach-Calif.; Blaine Newman, Education Dept., from Southampton; Feast Co., from Sydney; Mr. Kirkpatrick, Military Hqs., from Londonderry; Gow, Pedder St., from Glasgow; Southsea Bank, from Singapore; Timothy Lee, 342 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, from Shanghai; Warner, Empress Hotel, Kowloon, from Madras.

Via Radio:—24 Queen's Road Central, Asiatic Petroleum Co., from Taihoku; Keyen Trading Co., from Bangkok; W. Golding, Gloucester Hotel, from Shanghai; Mrs. Conway Evans, care K.P.M., from Hanoi; Sharp, 350 Peak, from Tientsin; Ellis Hayim, Tjinegara, from Shanghai.

stock of ammunition and the fuel tanks have been refilled the machines will be off again.

THE ATTACK

In the air the pilots can speak to each other through their radio-telephones. As soon as the enemy is sighted the squadron leader or flight commander gives directions for the attack. Another squadron may already be tackling the Messerschmitt escort. All right, they will go for the bombers. Once in the dog-fight there is no time and no need for orders.

Each man selects the most convenient opponent. He knows the enemy's most vital spot, gets it carefully in his sights, and presses the button which releases a hail of bullets simultaneously from his eight guns.

If he disposes of his adversary quickly he takes a rapid look round, sees a colleague struggling against heavy odds, and goes to the rescue, or he spots a bomber which has been forced away from the formation, and gives chase.

When the remains of the enemy formations have been chased over the Channel the squadron returns to its station, and the pilots give the intelligence officer an accurate and unembellished account of the battle. Then they go back to their hut to wait for the next summons.

If none comes by the time their spell of duty is up, they go into reserve. The orders say that they must then be ready to take off within 30 minutes of receiving the signal.

The pilots regard it as a "bad show" if they are not off in 10-15. So keen are these fighter men that very often a pilot who is supposed to be having 24 hours' leave takes off with the others. This is the spirit which is beating the Germans—a spirit which will not falter so long as there are enemies to be chased away from British soil.

UNWRITTEN STORY OF RUSSIA AMONG TEN BIGGEST NEWS EVENTS OF THE YEAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A news story which has not yet been written—Soviet Russia's role in world events—was included for the first time in the annual United Press selection of the year's biggest news stories.

Considered the biggest news story of the year was the precedent-shattering re-election of Franklin D. Roosevelt to the presidency of the United States—the first time in U.S. history that this feat was ever accomplished. Ranked second was the Battle of Britain.

EPOCH-MAKING EVENTS

In explaining why the still unwritten story on Soviet Russia was included on the list despite the abundance of epoch-making events this year, Earl Johnson, general manager of the United Press said:

"Our editors felt that if the facts about Russia's influence in world affairs were not shrouded by official secrecy and censorship, the stories might have been among the most important this year."

"The big thing is that we don't know about the extent of Russia's influence on Tokyo's operations in the Far East and Moscow's hand in the present Axis diplomacy in the Balkans."

10 BIGGEST STORIES

The United Press selection of the year's 10 biggest stories follows:

1. President Roosevelt's third-term re-election.
2. The Battle of Britain.
3. The Fall of France, and the Battles of Dunkirk and Oran.
4. The U.S. peacetime conscription, other measures for hemispheric defence and the Anglo-American destroyers-bases deal.
5. The German occupation of Norway, Denmark and the Low Countries.
6. The Berlin-Rome-Tokyo pact and Japan's drive into French Indo-China.
7. Italy's abortive attempt to invade Greece.
8. Germany's diplomatic offensive into the Balkans, with the abdication of King Carol of Rumania.
9. Italy's entrance into the war.
10. The aforementioned Russian enigma.

MADE THREE FORTUNES

ROMANTIC CAREER ENDED BY BOMB

This is the story of Hugh Sewall Kingdon, who made and lost three fortunes, at one time controlled property worth hundreds of thousands of pounds, and was a humble clerk when he was killed by a Nazi bomb.

SPENT LAVISHLY

During his lifetime of fewer than 60 years he prospected, fought and speculated, spent money lavishly, and ended up as a suburban clerk. At 14 he took part in an Alaskan gold rush, at 15 he was clerk to a court of summary jurisdiction in Saskatchewan, at 16 he was a reporter in Manitoba, at 18 he was a rough-riding in the South African war, at 20 he was one of the largest real estate men in the Transvaal.

He became the right-hand-man of an American insurance and theatrical magnate in South Africa, and returned to England with a considerable fortune, which he lost in unfortunate deals. Speculating again with the remnants of his lost wealth, he started an ambitious scheme for the emigration of British settlers to South African orange groves. All was going well when the unpredictable vagaries of the seasons caused two successive droughts and ruined the orange crops.

AS VENTURE

Still in England, he launched his biggest venture with a £5 note. He took an option on a row of Georgian houses in undeveloped Streatham-hill and inspired, designed and built an undertaking valued later at nearly £1,000,000. His scheme included a luxurious dance hall, one of the largest theatres in London, a cinema, flats, shops and garages—first forerunner of the modern inner suburbs of London. But he lost all his interests in the venture he created, and for several years worked in small office positions.

INTERIOR MINISTER RETURNS

All Yunnanese are enthusiastically supporting the war of resistance and are contributing financial and material help to fight for the ultimate victory, declared Mr. Chow Chung-yueh, Minister of Interior, when he was interviewed by the Central News upon his return to Chungking from Kunming.

Marked progress in the political administration in Yunnan has been made during the past year, Mr. Chow added.

Mr. Chow went to Kunming towards the end of October to distribute relief funds appropriated by the National Government to the air raid victims. — (Central News)

JUDGE RESIGNS

Owing to continued ill-health, Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord has resigned his office of judge of the High Court of Justice.

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord, who is 62, became a judge of the High Court in 1935. He had been Recorder of Manchester for 13 years before his elevation to the Bench, and was Conservative M.P. for Norwood.

The resignation of Lord Justice Greaves, a Lord Justice of Appeal who is suffering from ill-health, was also announced.

STAFF WORKS ON

Telephone switchrooms are usually located on the top floors of buildings, where good light is obtainable. Having regard to the very exposed position of these rooms, continuation of full service when bombs are falling in the locality is impracticable, but a nucleus staff has always remained in the switchroom to complete calls essential to the prosecution of the war. With further experience of raiding conditions, it has been found practicable to retain a large operating staff on duty and ordinary subscribers' calls are accepted so far as it is possible.

The public should realise that despite all difficulties, about 20,000,000 local calls a week are at present being connected in London alone in addition to about 300,000 long-distance and toll calls a week.

The Postmaster-General's statement points out that the telegraph service is suffering from the effects of air raids in much the same way and to the same extent as the telephone service. The general level of traffic is as high as it ever has been and it is augmented at times of emergency by the despatch of telegrams voicing the anxiety of the senders for the safety of their relatives.

Telegrams to and from London or passing through it have been subjected to heavy delay owing to a vital transmitting centre being put completely out of action by a bomb, but measures which have been taken have very largely restored the situation.

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CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 30, 1940.

On London:—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8
Credits 4 months sight

On Shanghai:—
On demand 410
On Singapore:—
On demand 53 3/4
On Japan:—
On demand 102 1/2
On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer 82 1/2
and demand

On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 23 3/8
Credits, 60 days sight 24 1/8

On Batavia:—
On demand 43 3/4

On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.
Credits 4 months sight Nom.

On Saigon:—
On demand 101 1/2

On Manila:—
On demand 40 3/4

On Bangkok:—
On demand 149

On Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate Nom.
Bar Silver per oz. 23 1/8

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Monday, Dec. 30.
Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 23 1/8 for Ready and 23 1/16 for Forward. American Silver was unquoted.
The London/New York cross rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/2.

MARKET

Quiet.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 for December, buyers at 1/2 1/32 Cash and 1/3 February, possibly January.

U. S. DOLLARS

There were sellers at 23 11/16 Cash, buyers at 23 3/4 Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

At the opening sellers were quoted 421 for Cash. Closed at 421 m. with sellers at 423 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened with sellers of Sterling at 3 17/32. Subsequently the market steadied to 3 9/16. Last advice indicated sellers at 3 35/64 for Spot. U. S. Dollars the market opened with sellers at 5 9/16 for Cash. Subsequently the rate steadied to 5 5/8 and at the close there were sellers at 5 19/32 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

STERLING

The market closed with sellers at 1/3 December, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash and 1/3 January.

U. S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 23 11/16 Cash, buyers at 23 3/4 Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers at the opening at 422 and at the close sellers were offering 427 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened with sellers of Sterling at 3 35/64 for Spot. Last advice reported sellers at 3 33/64. U. S. Dollars, 5 19/32 were quoted at the opening and at the close 5 17/32 sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 30 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-3/8	0/3-3/8
New York	5-5/16	5-5/16
Japan	22-1/2	22-1/2
India	18-3/4	18-3/4
Paris	nominal	nominal
Hongkong	22-3/8	22-3/8

Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-17/32	0/3-33/64
Dec.	0/3-17/32	0/3-33/64
Jan.	0/3-1/2	0/3-31/64

U.S. Dollars

	Opening	Closing
Spot	55-9/16	55-17/32
Dec.	5-9/16	5-17/32
Jan.	5-17/32	5-1/2

Market: Quiet.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2.

The Equalisation rate was 22 1/2 per cent.

Note: All Shanghai markets will be closed on Jan. 1, 2, and 3, 1941.

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, December 28.

	Previous Close	Dec. 28	Change
SINGAPORE RUBBER			
S P O T	38 3/8	37 3/4	off 1/4
JAN-MARCH	37 5/8	37 5/8	unch.
APRIL-JUNE	36 3/8	36 3/8	unch.
LONDON RUBBER			
S P O T	12	12	
JANUARY	12 1/8	12 1/8	
FEBRUARY	12 1/4	12 1/4	
APRIL-JUNE	12 1/4	12 1/4	
JULY-SEPT.	12 1/4	12 1/4	
NEW YORK COTTON			
The market continues to reflect the strength of the spot situation, and we still opinion July eventually above 10 7/8 cents.			
NEW YORK STOCKS	Previous close, 129.51; Today's close, 130.11; Change up .60.		

NOTE: All American markets will remain closed on January 1.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.30	10.25	10.28	.03 up
New York Rubber, March	20.05	20.05	20.05	.03 off
Chicago Wheat, May	87	86 1/2	86 1/2	1/4 up
Chicago Corn, May	62 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	1/4 up
New York Hides, March	12.94	12.71	12.89	.24 up
NEW YORK COTTON				
January	10.16	10.13 1/2	10.18	.02 up
March	10.26 1/2	10.26 1/2	10.29 3/4	.03 up
May	10.21 1/2	10.21 1/2	10.23 1/2	.02 up
July	9.99 1/2	10.00	10.03 1/4	.04 up
October	9.46 1/2	9.45 1/2	9.48 1/2	.02 up
December	9.44	9.43 1/2	9.46 1/2	.02 up
Spot	10.26		10.30	.04 up
Total sales Friday:—95,400 bales.				
NEW YORK RUBBER				
January	20.23b	unquoted	20.20b/27a	.03 off
March	20.08b	20.05/05	20.05/05	.03 off
May	19.90/90	19.80b/90a	19.90/90	unch.
July (New contract)	19.74b	19.75a	19.70b	.04 off
Total sales:—160 tons.				
CHICAGO WHEAT				
May	85 1/2/85 1/2	86/85 1/2	87/86 1/2	1/4 up
July	80 1/2/80	80 1/2/80 1/2	81 1/2/81	1/4 up
September	80 1/2/80 1/2	80 1/2/80 1/2	81 1/2/81	1/4 up
Friday's sales:—7,642,000 bushels.				
CHICAGO CORN				
May	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	62 1/2/62 1/2	1/4 up
July	61 1/2/61 1/2	unquoted	62 1/2/62 1/2	1/4 up
September	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	62 1/2/62 1/2	1/4 up
Friday's sales:—7,642,000 bushels.				
NEW YORK HIDES				
March	12.69/89	12.82/71	12.93b/94a	.24 up
June	12.48/48	12.57/55	12.69/66	.18 up
Total sales for the day:—150 contracts.				
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4		unquoted	
NY-London Cross Rate	4.03-1/2		4.03-1/2	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Dec. 27.
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1922)	103
Defence Loan, 3%	101 1/2
London & Lancashire Ry. 5%	13
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	44
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	42-47
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	26 1/2
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	34
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	10
Chin. Imperial Ry. 5% Loan	47
Honan Ry. 5%	10 1/2
Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911 (CIP. N.Y. Issue)	15
Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	13
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Ry. 5% 1913	14
Shan-Ning Ry. 5%	16
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (German Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Cap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	32
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	9
Chartered Bank	8 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	77
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	82
Chinese Eng. & Mining (beaser)	18/3
Chosen Corporation	4 1/2
Mercantile Bank of India, E.S. "C"	10 1/2
Pekin Syndicate	2 1/2

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Although quiet conditions ruled today's market, the undertone remained steady.

BUYERS

Bank of East Asia, 37 1/2
Canton Ins., 2000
H.K. Fire Ins., 157.50
Wharves, 93
Providents, 55.70
Lands, 34
Trams, 17.70
Star Ferry, 61
Yau-mat Ferry, 24
Electric (O), 40
Electric (N), 39.50
Sandakan Lights, 11.40
Ropes, 7.05
Watsons, 10.55
Entertainments, 7
Constructions (O), 16.60
Wharves, 95
Trams, 18
Dairy Farms, 19
Watsons, 10.70
Vibro Piling, 7.70
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934), 94
Providents, 55.70
Hotels, 3.80
Lands, 34
Trams, 17.70
Lights Rts., 12.5
Dairy Farms, 18.75/80
Watsons, 10.55

SALES

S'hai Elec. Contr. Co.	15 1/2
S'hai Waterworks "A"	13 1/2
Union Insurance	20
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	15 1/2
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Ry.	13 1/2
Great Western Ry.	32 1/2
National Bank of India	32
B.A. Tob. (beaser)	89/4
Dunlop Rubber	32/6
Bristol Aeroplane	9/9
Imperial Chemical Ind.	29/10 1/2
United Steel	21/7 1/2
Woolworths	54/3
Marmar Investments	7/6
Western Holdings	9/8
Sub-Nigel	180
Shell Trans. & Trad.	38/9
(beaser)	38/9
—bid.	—ex div.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

DECEMBER 29, 1940.

STOCKS	Last Sale Dec. 28	STOCKS	Last Sale Dec. 28
Adams Express	8 1/2	Loew's Inc.	31 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	24 1/2	Loft Incorporated	17 1/2
Allis-Chalmers	35 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	30 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	7 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	30
Amer. Can.	86 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	24 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	37 1/2	Montgomery Ward	37
Amer. & Foreign Power	13/16	Mountain City Copper Co.	3 1/2
Amer. & Foreign 7 1/2 pt.	14 1/2	National Aviation	10
Amer. Locomotive	15 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	18 1/2	National Distillers	22 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Lead	17
Amer. Rolling Mill	14 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Sling and Ring Co.	43 1/2	National Supply Corp.	5 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	13 1/2	New York Central	13 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	168 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	7 1/2	N. American Aviation	16 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	61	North American Co.	16 1/2
Anaconda Copper	26 1/2	Northern Pacific	6
Atchafalca, T. & S. Fe.	17 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	45 1/2
Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	28
Baldwin Locomotive	18 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	31	Pan-American Airways	15
Barber Asphalt Co.	9 1/2	Paramount Pictures	10 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	8	Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2
Bendix Aviation	33 1/2	Philadelphia Read. Coal	3/16
Bethlehem Steel	85 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	41 1/2
Bills & Co.	18 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	28 1/2
Boeing Aeroplane Co.	18 1/2	Pullman Inc.	25 1/2
Borg-Warner	19	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	25	Radio Corp. of Am.	34 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	4 1/2	Reading Company, Com.	13 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	3 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	5 1/2
Case, J.I.	52 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	5
Celanese	27	Republic Steel	22 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	43	Revere Corp.	19 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	73 1/2	Reynold Tobacc. "B"	33 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	41	Safeway Stores	42 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	26 1/2	Schenley Distillers	11 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1	Sears Roebuck	78 1/2
Consolidated Edison	22 1/2	Shell Union Oil	11
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Socomey-Vacuum Oil	8
Continental Can	37 1/2	Southern Pacific	7 1/2
Continental Oil	18 1/2	Southern Ry 5 1/2 pfd.	21 1/2
Copperweld Steel	18 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	36 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	9	Standard Brands	61 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	29 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	1
Deere & Co.	20 1/2	Standard Oil of California	18
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	33 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	78 1/2	Stone & Webster	7 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	164 1/2	Studebaker Com.	7 1/2
Eagle-Picher Lead	104	Swift International	17 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	34 1/2	Technicolor	9
Elec. Autolite	33 1/2	Texas Corp.	40 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	31	Texas Gulf Sulphur	25 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 5 1/2 pt.	58 1/2	Timken-Axle	33 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 3 1/2 pt.	68	Trans-America Co.	48
Elec. Power & Light 7 1/2 pt.	32 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	52
Flintkote	14 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	12 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	55	Union Carbide & Carbon	69
Gen. Electric	32 1/2	Union Pacific	75 1/2
Gen. Motors	48 1/2	United Aircraft	41 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	14 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	16 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	11 1/2	United Corp.	1 1/2
Glidden Co.	13 1/2	United Corp. 3 1/2 cum pf.	27 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	13 1/2	United Gas. Corp.	1
Goodrich 5 1/2 pt.	62 1/2	United Gas Improvement	24
Goodyear Tire & Co.	18 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	5 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	14 1/2	U.S. Rubber	22 1/2
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	28 1/2	U.S. Rubber 5 1/2 pfd.	85 1/2
Great Western Sugar	19 1/2	U.S. Smelting	64
Greyhound Corp.	11 1/2	U.S. Steel	69 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	70	Vanadium	33 1/2
Homestake Mining	50 1/2	Vultee Aircraft	7 1/2
Int Nickel	23 1/2	Walworth Co.	5 1/2
Inter. Paper & Paper	15 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	3
Int. Tel. & Tel.	21	Westinghouse Elec.	102 1/2
Kennecott Copper	36 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	31 1/2
Lakey Foundry & Mac.	31	Chase National Bank	32 1/2
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	42 1/2	National City Bank	26
Lincoln Aircraft	27 1/2		

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FLOATING MINE
A drifting mine has been reported as being in the vicinity of Tung Wan Bay. Cheung Chau Island, at 11.10 a.m. on Dec. 29, 1940.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS
On Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1941, the Entry and Clearance Office will be opened from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Junk Office, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
Mercantile Marine Office, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

ARRIVALS

Arrivals in Hongkong yesterday by the N.Y.K. liner Atuta Maru were Mr. M. Funaki, Mr. L. N. M. Hanani, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Yoshimura, Mrs. K. Bush, Mr. S. Ishikawa and Mr. M. Senoo.

Through passengers for Australia were Mr. O. Altschul, Mrs. L. D. Boulton, Mrs. O. Benedict, Mr. J. Kimura, Mrs. M. C. McDowell and child, Mr. J. L. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. K. Miwa and Miss H. Miwa, Miss Violet McGrath, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rust and three children, Mrs. R. Salmonis, Mr. and Mrs. G. Taylor and two children, Miss A. I. Thomas, Miss I. Tarbet, and Mr. R. J. Wallace.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., Dec. 30.

Barometer, (at sea level), 30.23 ins.

Temperature, 62 F.

Humidity, 61 per cent.

Wind Direction, N.W.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 1

Temperature, Maximum yesterday, 65 F.

Temperature, minimum last night, 56 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.69 ins.

Against an average of, 85.15 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.49 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7.03 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 30.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.11 ins.

Temperature, 65 F.

Humidity, 63 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/S.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.

Maximum temperature, 68 F.

Minimum temperature, 56 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 31 Dec. 1940 to 6 Jan. 1941.

High Water. Low Water.

Days of Week	Days of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues.	31	h.m.	a.m.	h.m.	a.m.
		12 06	4 8	05 10	0 0
		12 45	7 8	16 02	3 4
Wed.	1	12 48	7 2	05 47	0 8
		13 20	7 2	16 44	3 6
Thur.	2	13 33	4 8	06 34	1 3
		13 50	6 6	17 27	1 6
Fri.	3	14 18	4 9	18 17	2 0
		00 18	8 1	07 38	2 0
Sat.	4	16 05	5 0	19 18	4 2
		00 45	5 4	08 18	2 4
Sun.	5	16 52	5 1	20 54	4 3
		01 59	4 8	09 04	2 7
Mon.	6	16 38	5 4	20 48	4 0

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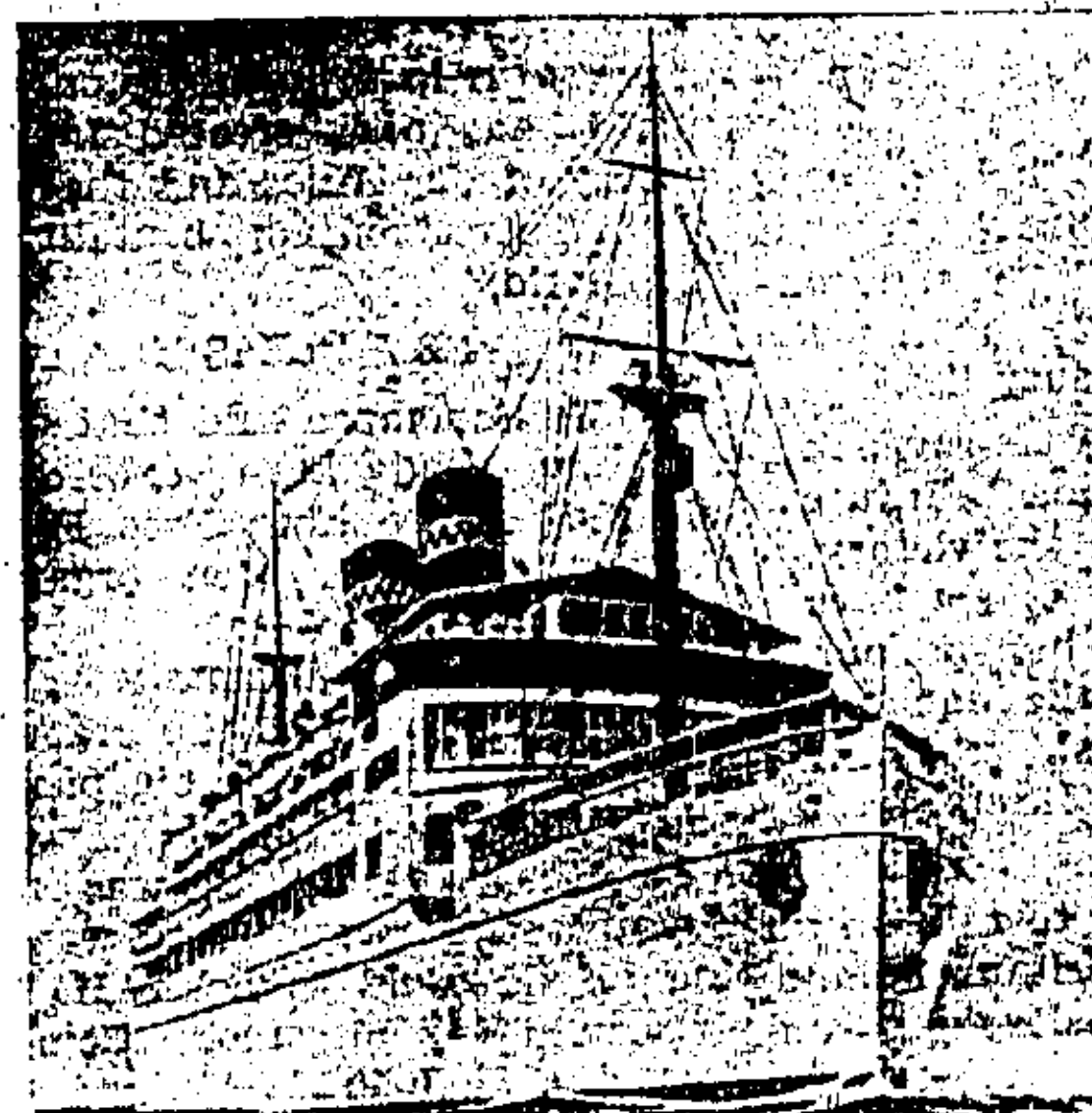
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HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 48 hours ended at midnight on Dec. 29.—Diphtheria, one case; Measles, three cases; Chicken-Pox, two cases; Dysentery, seven cases; Tuberculosis, 36 cases (two imported).

BARON REITH

The title chosen by Sir John Reith, Minister of Works and Buildings and First Commissioner of Works, upon whom a barony was conferred on appointment to his present office, was gazetted recently. Sir John becomes Baron Reith of Stonehaven in the County of Kincardine.

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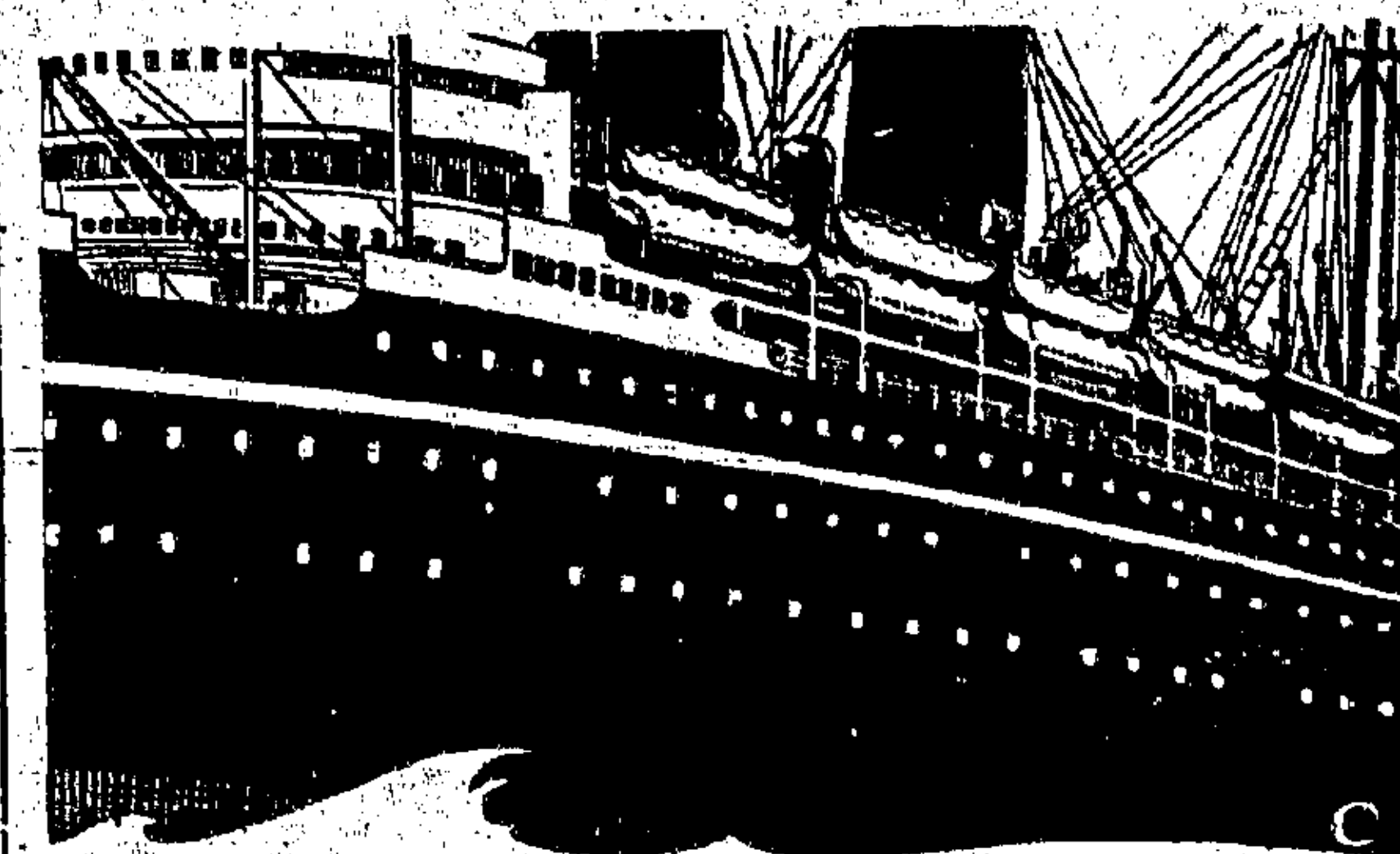
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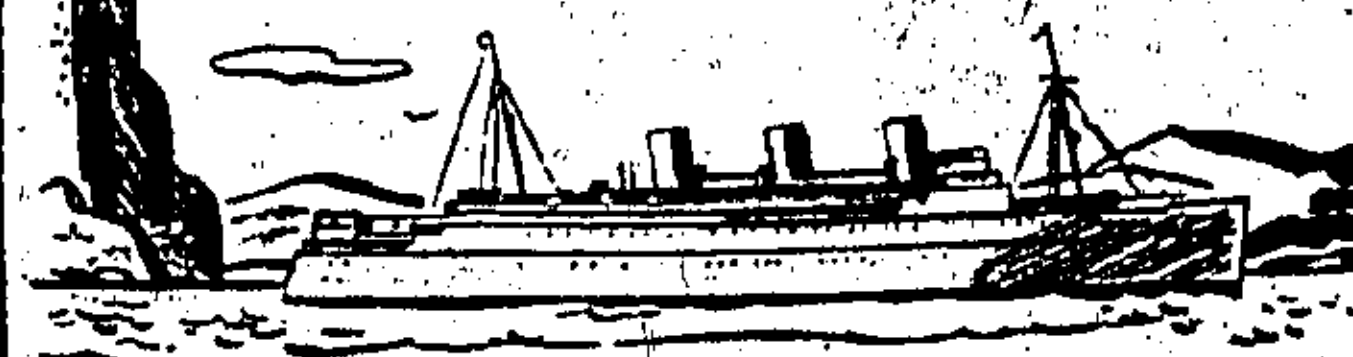
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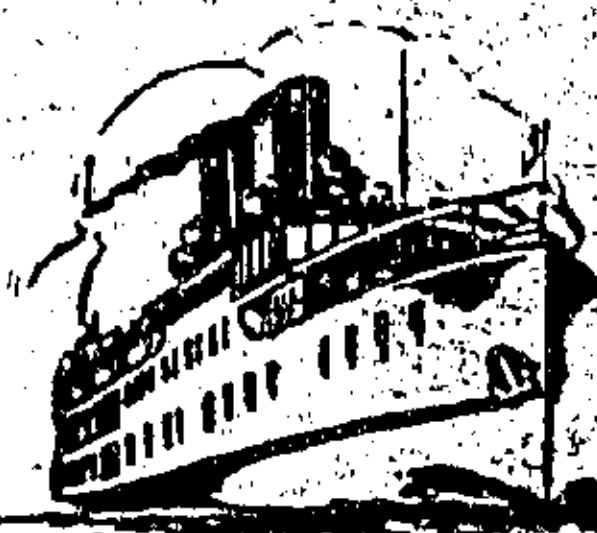
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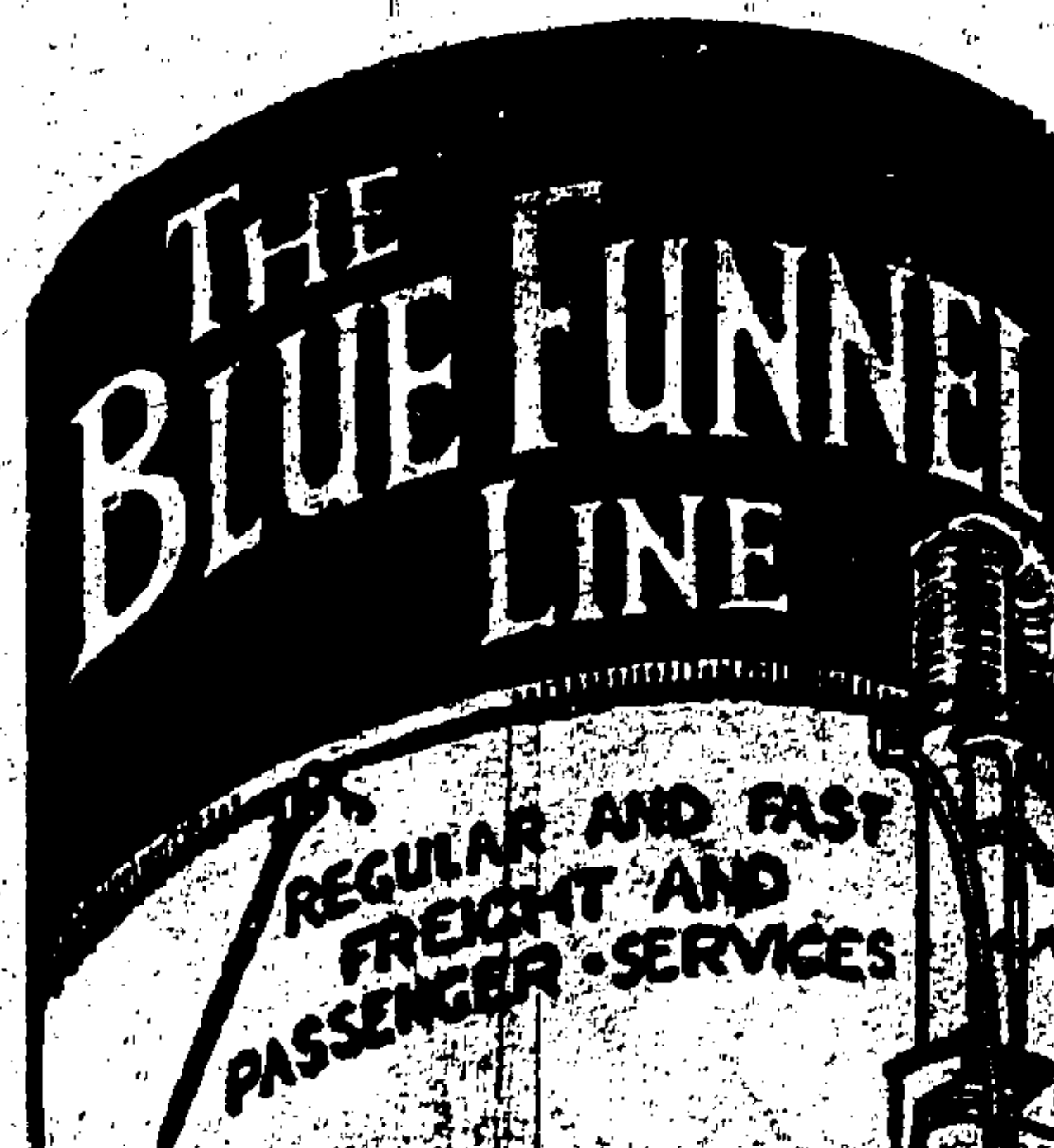
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DE GAULLE'S ENVOY INTERVIEWED

With a view to co-ordinating the efforts and activities of all Frenchmen in the Far East who wish to work for the support of Free France, General de Gaulle appointed a representative in the person of M. Guy Quémener de Schompre, who is now in Singapore.

He is working in the closest co-operation with the local Free French Committees already established in Malaya, and will also make personal contact at an early date with Free French Committees elsewhere in the Far East.

Interviewed by the Malaya Tribune in Singapore M. de Schompre said: "I am not here to play politics but to get all the goodwill I can find and all Frenchmen who want to help free France from the German boot and the Italian boot. I will never believe that there are Frenchmen of any opinion or position who are satisfied with the plight of their country. They are all for putting the only enemy I mean the Germans, out of France, but they do not all agree on the ways of doing it."

"Some want like ourselves to join Gen. de Gaulle and our British allies, and fight for our freedom, but others believe that if they stay at home and listen to the Government, which is entirely in the hands of the Germans, they also are helping France out, because the Germans will impose less sufferings on our country."

DOING DUTY

"They also are doing their duty because one's duty is what one believes to be the right thing to do, so why should we fight them and hate them?"

"The Committees of the Free French Movement have not, and will not fight the other Frenchmen."

"They shall keep their fighting power and their courage for that enemy, but they will try and convince them that they do not see clearly where their duty lies."

"France can only be saved if Great Britain wins. France has to help to win the victory; it is her only way to get back her prestige and her honour, and not to have the undignified feeling that she will only receive what the others want to give her."

"She must be able to talk on an equal footing with Britain, Poland, Greece and Czechoslovakia, and for that she must do her own fighting."

"France has also pledged her word; she cannot forfeit it. She has never done it in the past, and she has always managed to come out on top because she never committed a dishonest deed."

SEAMEN FINED FOR ASSAULT

Convicted on two charges of having used force to two Indian policemen of the Naval Base (Singapore) police force, two seamen, C. Rongen, 33, and Hopden Belford, 33, were fined \$50, or in default two weeks' rigorous imprisonment, by Mr. Cheah Soon Hock, in the Third Police Court.

Rongen was also fined \$5 or in default five days' rigorous imprisonment on a charge of mischief for breaking a table belonging to the Naval Base.

Two other seamen, M.C. Williams, 35, and P. de Maslopy, 20, who also stood their trial on charges of using force to the two Indian policemen, were acquitted.

The incident took place at the Sembawang Naval Base, when the seamen, drove up in a taxi and refused to show their papers to a constable.

They were said to have assaulted the constable, and also set upon L. E. Kundan Singh, who came to the constable's assistance.

Rongen overturned and broke a man's head been writing.

LORD WILLINGTON SATISFIED

SANTIAGO (Chile), Dec. 30 (Reuter).—Lord Willington, leader of the British Trade Mission which arrived here yesterday, said that he was satisfied with the results of the visits to Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay and believed that the Chile visit would prove successful.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 30 (Reuter).—The Nazi authorities have prohibited the sale of wool in Denmark until Jan. 3 after which date the commodity will be strictly rationed.

NATION'S SIX MONTHS' TASK

Overtaking Nazi Production

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, speaking at Bristol, said we must not stop to ask "What can I get out of it?" but "What can I put in as my contribution to secure ultimate victory?"

We had to overcome and pass within the next six months the production of our enemies. There was no time to think of mere wealth, privilege, place or party. The best from every citizen was needed.

The greater energy we showed now the more likely were we to shorten the war, and for every day we shortened it the nation saved millions of money and would have that to begin the great task of reconstruction.

(This must secure that we should not return to the horrors of unemployment and that every slum and the miseries of poverty were relegated to the limbo of the past.)

The basis of the Nazis' "New Order in Europe" was that the Germans were the superior race. But British Labour would not be a well-fed pig with no intelligence at the cost of tribute from millions of others.

GERMANY'S LESSON

"What we are up against is not merely Hitler or Goering," said Mr. Bevin. "I am satisfied that if there had been no Hitler the Germans would have invented an automaton for the purpose of raising this spirit of aggression with the object of acquiring their end by war and plunder. Europe and the world can never have peace until Germany has learned finally that her philosophy of gangsterism cannot succeed."

In a broadcast, Mr. Bevin spoke of his appeals for more production and said that, like Oliver Twist, "I must ask for more."

He praised the workers who, under great stress and often in danger, were steadily keeping their shoulder to the wheel. More attention must be paid, he added, to keeping up a steady organisation that would provide a good flow, so that men might be enabled to get on with production as they would wish.

"BRITAIN TOO TOUGH"

Mr. Ernest Brown, Secretary for Scotland, speaking at Newhaven-on-Forth, said that Hitler had found this island "too tough." Never had London been more worthy to be called the "capital city" than during the past seven weeks of unexampled trials.

AUSSIE PRESS BUREAU

The Australian Government has opened a Press Information Bureau in New York to serve as a centre from which authoritative information about Australia will be available to Americans, according to an Australian message.

THE WEATHER

Rather warmer weather is forecast for today.
Maximum temperature yesterday was 68 and the minimum 53.
Total rainfall since January 1 is 117.69 inches against an average of 35.15.
The Royal Observatory report states:

A ridge of high pressure extends from S.W. China across the Eastern Sea to the Pacific eastward of Japan.
Weather remains relatively overcast.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 31st DECEMBER, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

On Wednesday, the 1st January, 1941, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered & ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Office at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

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Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (except London) by sea from Singapore	2nd Jan.
Canton	2nd Jan.
Java and Manila	3rd Jan.
Australia and Manila	3rd Jan.
Australia and Manila	4th Jan.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 27th December	5th Jan.
U.S.A. and Manila—(San Francisco date, 14th December)	8th Jan.
Calcutta and Straits	8th Jan.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai. (San Francisco date, 13th December)	8th Jan.
Rangoon and Manila	11th Jan.
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Manila, Rangoon, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O.
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Manila and United Kingdom	Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O.
SUNDAY	
Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O.	
Air Mail by Air to Manila, Ceylon, Rangoon, U.S.A. & Europe via Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services	Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O.
MONDAY	
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Straits and United Kingdom	Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O.

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